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FOURTH SESSION.—JAMES SMITH, ESQ., WARDEN.

DECEMBER 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH, 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST.

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DECEMBER SESSION.

WELLAND, DEC. 5TH, 1881.

By direction of the Warden, the Municipal Council of the County of Welland met in the Grand Jury Room, in the Court House, at the Town of Welland, at 2 o'clock p.m., the Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Cruick-shank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and J. Willson.—19.

The Warden stated, in addressing the Council, that he had called the present session at an earlier date in December than was usual, from the fact that on the 13th, court was to be held, that the following week was Christmas week, and, taking everything into consideration, he concluded that the present week would probably be as acceptable to the Council as at any other time ;

That since last session the arbitration between Niagara Falls and the County had been concluded, and award received, after the

Warden's Address.

arbitrators' fees, amounting to \$725, had been paid, one-half of which sum the County had paid. Further particulars in reference thereto would be made in the report of the Arbitration Committee appointed by Council ;

Also remarked in reference to the amounts that had been borrowed for county purposes, and, after some further remarks in connection with business which would be likely to engage the attention of Council, concluded by presenting to the Council a communication from

Matters before Council.

Minister of Railways and Canals, *in re* Montrose Bridge.

Also from W. R. Oswald, *in re* grant to gunner Mosier.

Also from County of Kent, *re* dog tax.

Also the award made by arbitrators.

Also a petition from John F. Gross, *re* County Inspector of Schools.

Also sundry accounts for Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

Hours of Meeting.

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present session be as follows :—Meet at 9 a.m., adjourn at half-past 12 ; meet again at 2, and adjourn at 6 p.m.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

Matters referred.

That the communication of Mr. John F. Gross be submitted to the Committee on Education, to report thereon to-morrow.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the communication from the County of Kent *re* dog tax, be referred to the following committee, with instructions to report thereon, viz.:—Messrs. J. Garner, Ramsden, Misener, and mover and seconder.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Misener,

Re Petition of John F. Gross.

That whereas a petition has been presented to this Council, signed by John F. Gross, praying the removal of James H. Ball, Esq., as County Inspector of Schools of this County, said petition

having been referred to Committee on Education, with instructions to report to-morrow :

And whereas it does not appear to this Council that said committee can, within the time limited, report intelligently without evidence :

Be it therefore resolved, that the time for making said report be enlarged till Wednesday, the 7th inst., and the Clerk be instructed to notify the petitioner and Mr. Ball to appear before this Council on the subject of said petition.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the Report of Local Committee for Humberstone and Bertie, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Report of local
com. on roads
and bridges,
Humberstone
and Bertie,—
Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

That leave be given to introduce a bill to confirm by-law No. 7, of the Township of Crowland, passed by the Municipal Council of that Township on the 22nd of August, A. D. 1881, any rule or order of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bill to confirm
by-law No. 7
of Crowland.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

That the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time, pursuant to the motion.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

That bill to confirm by-law No. 7, of Crowland, be read a second time.

Upon the second reading being proposed,

Mr. Beatty, the reeve of the Township of Thorold, presented a petition from Mr. R. W. Skinner, praying that by-law No. 7 be not confirmed.

R. W. Skinner
contra.

By permission, Mr. Skinner was allowed to address the Council in support of his petition.

Also, several members of Council spoke upon the question.

Mr. Morris, the reeve of Crowland, stated to the Council that he was not aware that any opposition would be made to the confirmation of by-law, and, since being informed of the fact, he would desire to withdraw his motion for the second reading of the bill, and

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pringle, in amendment to the second reading,

That whereas Mr. Skinner appears at this Council, and explains that the confirmation of the said by-law would be a personal detriment to him :

Bill with-
drawn.

Therefore be it resolved, that liberty be granted to withdraw the bill.—Carried unanimously.

Pursuant to motion, the bill was withdrawn.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WELLAND, DEC. 6TH, 1881.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met in the Grand Jury Room, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thos. Willson and John Willson.—21.

Minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk, and approved by the Council.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Beatty,

Report *re*
Niagara Falls
arbitration.

That the report of special committee appointed on the 5th July, 1881, in *re* Niagara Falls arbitration, be received and read.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the report was read.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Beatty,

That the report, just read, be adopted.

After explanations by members of committee, the report was Adopted.
declared carried without a division.

By permission, the special committee, *re* County of Kent
communication, were allowed to retire.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, before the return of
committees, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the Council resumed.

The Warden presented a communication from Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Willson's offer for Marsh Lands' Tract.
on behalf of Mr. Willson, making an offer for a portion of the
Marsh Lands Tract.

Also a communication from Robert Nugent, *re* drainage.

Com. *re* drain-
age.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank.

That the communications of R. Harcourt and Robert Nugent
be referred to the Marsh Lands Committee, to report thereon
during the present session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Hershey,

That the first report of Marsh Lands Committee be received 1st report on
Marsh Lands.
and read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Hershey,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Adopted.

Sale of Co.
Lands to Gov-
ernment.

Mr. Lee, chairman of Marsh Lands Committee, presented the communications in connection with the sale to Government of county lands.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

Motion re
withdrawal of
towns from
counties.

That the Clerk be instructed to forward to each county in Ontario a copy of this resolution, and the annexed memorial, urging the necessity of a change in the Municipal Act, respecting the withdrawal of cities and towns from the jurisdiction of counties.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament Assembled :—

The memorial of the corporation of the County of ——— in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That whereas, the act permitting cities and towns to withdraw from the jurisdiction of counties has an injurious result, and will tend to demoralize the whole municipal institutions of the Province :

And whereas the Town of Niagara Falls has already withdrawn from the County of Welland at an expense of nearly two thousand dollars :

And that in the opinion of your petitioners it is unreasonable and unfair that townships and villages have not the same privilege :

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased, at its earliest convenience, to amend the same, so that cities and towns shall not separate from the jurisdiction of counties.

Motion proposed, and a lengthy discussion arising, it was

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the motion now under discussion be considered this day six months.

Motion proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :—

Six months'
hoist lost.

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Lee and Thos. Willson.—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Metler, Misener, Morris, Ramsden and John Willson.—9.

Passing in negative—majority, 1.

The original motion being again proposed, the Warden's attention was drawn to the fact that the mover of the same was not present: the motion was therefore deferred.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7TH, 1881.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met in the Grand Jury Room, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thos. Willson and John Willson.—21.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk, and approved by Council.

Mr. A. Garner's motion, *re* withdrawal of cities and towns, laid over from yesterday's session, the Warden announced would be in order, as the mover was now in his place.

Motion *re*
withdrawal of
towns with-
drawn.

The motion was accordingly read, and by the wish of the mover and seconder, and consent of the Council, the motion was withdrawn.

Dr. Johnston, from standing Committee on Education, brought up their report *re* County Inspector of Schools.

Report *re*
School In-
spector.

**1st report on
Education**

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Metler,
That first report of Committee on Education be received and
read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

**Motion to
adopt.**

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That the report, just read, be confirmed.

The motion proposed.

Amendment.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Lee, in amendment,
That the report of Committee on Education be taken into con-
sideration this day, six months.

Motion proposed, and Mr. Beatty calling for the yeas and
nays, they were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty and Lee. 2.

Lost.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J.
Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller,
Metler, Misener, Pringle and Ramsden.—15.

Motion passing in the negative—majority, 13.

The motion for the adoption of the report being again pro-
posed,

Mr. Beatty calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as
follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, J. Garner,
A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnston, Keller, Lee,
Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle and Ramsden.—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty and Furry.—2.

**Report
adopted.**

The adoption of the report passing in the affirmative—ma-
jority, 14.

**Re Inspector
of Schools.**

Pursuant to the adoption of the report, the evidence in the
matter of the County Inspector was gone into.

Mr. J. F. Gross and Mr. A. McCulloch were examined at the
bar of the Council, and questioned in reference to the matter, and
before the conclusion of Mr. McCulloch's evidence the hour of
adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Council resumed.

The examination of witnesses in *re* County Inspector con-<sup>*Re* Inspector
of Schools.</sup>
tinued.

Mr. McCulloch was again called, and questioned by Mr. Ball.

Mr. Grant was also called and examined.

Also Mr. Campbell.

Also Mr. Bridgman.

Also Mr. Morris.

At the conclusion of the evidence, it being 7 o'clock p. m.,
the Warden left the chair.

FOURTH DAY--MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH, 1881.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bugar, Coul-^{Present.}
son, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey,
Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener,
Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thos. Willson and John Willson.—21.

The Warden presented a communication from Edward Mar-<sup>From Edward
Martin.</sup>
tin, acknowledging receipt of the sum of \$250, in full of his fees *re*
arbitration.

Also from Mr. D'Everardo, as to the putting a stove in west <sup>From D.
D'Everardo.</sup>
vault of registry office.

The Warden announced that the examination in the matter <sup>*Re* Inspector
of Schools.</sup>
of County Inspector would now be in order.

Mr. Ball called Mr. Smith on his behalf, also Mr. Willson and
Mr. Dunn.

At the conclusion of the examination of Mr. Dunn, the hour
of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Council resumed.

*Re Inspector
of Schools.*

The Warden announced that the examination *in re* County School Inspector would be continued.

Accordingly, Mr. Ball called Mr. Robertson, who was examined.

At the conclusion of Mr. Robertson's examination, the Warden announced that the evidence was now finished, and it remained with the Council to take any further action.

Re dog tax.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Ramsden, That the report of special committee, to whom was referred the communication from the County of Kent, *re* dog tax, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the report was read.

*Report
adopted.*

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the communication of D. D'Everardo, *re* registry office, be referred to the Registry Office Committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Furry,

*Roads and
Bridges—
Humberstone and
Bertie.*

That the second report of Local Committee for Humberstone and Bertie, now on the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

*Report
adopted.*

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Furry,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Garner, of Pelham,

That the further consideration of the matter Gross vs. Ball be deferred until Saturday morning, and then to take precedence.—Carried.

*From G. L.
Hobson and
Sheriff Dun-
can.*

The Warden presented communications from Mr. G. L. Hobson and Sheriff Duncan.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson,

That the petition of Mr. G. L. Hobson be referred to the Gaol Committee, with instructions to report thereon during this session.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That this Council memorialize the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, to the effect that he will be pleased to indicate the conditions on which water privileges for manufacturing purposes will be granted on the Welland Canal Enlargement.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

That the report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Port Colborne and Humberstone, be received and read.—Carried.

Water privileges on Canal Enlargement.
Roads and Bridges—
Port Colborne and Humberstone.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Report adopted.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by D. A. Johnson,

That the communication of the Sheriff of Welland be referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report thereon on to-morrow, the 9th inst.

The Marsh Lands Committee being allowed to retire,

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

FIFTH DAY- MORNING SESSION.

WELLAND, DEC. 9TH, 1882.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Cruick-
shank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston,
D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle,
Ramsden and John Willson.—19.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk, and approved by Council.

Receipt from
Canada Guarantee
Co.

The Warden presented a renewal receipt from the Canada Guarantee Company, in favor of County Treasurer for policy for \$5000 to 1st Dec., 1882.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Roads and
Bridges—
Crowland and
Willoughby.

That the first report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Crowland and Willoughby, be received and read.

Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Report
adopted.

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Insane desti-
tute list.

The Warden remarked that it would be the duty of the reeves, under Chap. 26, Ontario Statute, 1880, and by-law No. 425, to revise the Insane Destitute List.

Accordingly the list was taken up and revised.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

Roads and
Bridges.

That the report of Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be received and read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

Report
adopted.

That the report of Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burgar seconded by Mr. Hershey,

Report of Gaol
Committee.

That the report of Gaol Committee be received and read.
Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr Burgar, seconded by Mr. Hershey,

That the report, just read, be adopted.

The motion being proposed, and Mr. Beatty calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner,

Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Pringle,
Ramsden and John Willson. -14.

NAV---Mr. Beatty. -1.

The adoption of the report passing in the affirmative—ma-^{Report}
jority, 13. ^{adopted.}

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,

That the special report of Gaol Committee be received and ^{Special report}
read.—Carried. ^{of Gaol Com.}

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,

That the special report of Gaol Committee, re G. L. Hobson's
communication, be adopted.

Mr. Beatty called for the yeas and nays,

Before the vote was taken, Mr. Hobson was allowed to ad-
dress the Council in support of his requisition for a room for use of
Division Court Clerk.

After a discussion, the yeas and nays were, with the consent ^{Report}
of Mr. Beatty and the Council, not called, and the adoption of the ^{adopted.}
report declared carried without a division.

Mr. Lee, reeve of Wainfleet, announced to the Council that ^{Late Judge}
the remains of Judge Macdonald, who died this morning, would be ^{Macdonald.}
conveyed from the Fraser House to the station at 1 o'clock, and,
after some complimentary remarks concerning the deceased, made
a verbal motion, to the effect that this Council do accompany the
body to the railway station at 1 o'clock, out of respect to the de-
ceased.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the
chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m., the Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Office for G.L.
Hobson.

That Mr. G. L. Hobson be permitted to occupy the committee room, lately occupied by the official assignee, subject to the pleasure of this Council, and also subject to his furnishing his own light and fuel. --Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Inventory of
County Pro-
perty.

That the Gaol Committee be instructed to take an inventory of all county property in the court house and gaol, and that all property purchased hereafter be entered by Gaol Committee in a book kept for that purpose. --Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

That the Ontario Legislature be memorialized by this Council to the following effect :

To the Honorable the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament Assembled :

Memorial re
withdrawal
from Counties

The memorial of the corporation of the County of Welland, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That whereas the act allowing cities and towns to withdraw from counties has an injurious result ;

That your memorialists desire to have the said act so amended that villages and townships may enjoy the same privilege that now exists in said act as to towns, or that the said act may be so amended that the privilege of withdrawal by either cities, towns, townships or villages may not be granted.

And, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

And that said memorial be signed by the Warden and Clerk, with corporate seal attached, and forwarded to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary ;

And that a copy of the memorial, in blank, be sent to each county in the Province of Ontario, with a request for their co-operation.

The motion proposed.

Moved by D. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Burgar, in amendment,

That the memorial, *re* withdrawal of any municipality from the county, be read this day six months. Amendment.

Motion proposed, and Mr. Beatty calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Hershey, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler and Morris.—10. Carried.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Misener, Pringle, Ramsden and John Willson.—8.

The amendment passing in the affirmative—majority, 2.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,

That the special report of Registry Office Committee, *re* D. D'Everardo's communication, be received and read.—Carried. Report *re* D. D'Everardo's communication.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried. Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Lee,

That the report of Registry Office Committee be received and read. Carried. Report—Registry Office.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Lee,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried. Adopted.

The Warden presented a communication from Mrs. Amoretta Hill, in reference to charges for carrying coal to registry office. Communication—Mrs. A. Hill.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the report of Finance Committee be received and read. Carried. Report of Finance Committee.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the first report of Finance Committee, just read, be adopted.—Carried. Report adopted.

2nd report on
Marsh Lands.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,
That the second report of Marsh Lands Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Adopted.

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Re Chippawa
Bridge.

Mr. Keller, reeve of Chippawa, presented account from A. Herbold, *in re* Chippawa Bridge.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That whereas, in February last, the Committee on Roads and Bridges refused, from information gleaned, to comply with a resolution passed in County Council the previous month :

And whereas, since that time, no official communication has been received by the Municipal Council of the Village of Chippawa as to the refusal to repair or rebuild the swing bridge crossing the Welland River, in the said Village of Chippawa :

And whereas, in the year 1880, a person was engaged to attend and repair, by planking and swinging, said bridge ;

And whereas the said tender of said bridge has been in the discharge of his duties during the year now drawing to a close, same as previous year, and the bridge not being in a condition to swing by one man, another hand had to be employed, and also the planking of said bridge having become completely worn out :

Therefore be it resolved, that the account of Mr. A. Herbold, the said bridge tender, for services and planking, be paid, and the Warden do issue his cheque for said amount.

Motion proposed, and Mr. J. Garner calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, Fraser, D. A. Johnson, Keller and Lee.—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Furry, J. Garner, Hershey, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden and John Willson.—9.

Motion passing in the negative—majority, 4.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson,

That this Council do hold an evening session, commencing at Evening Session.
half-past 7, for the despatch of general business, any rule of this
Council to the contrary notwithstanding.—Carried.

The Warden presented a communication from Thos. Willson
re purchase of Marsh Lands at \$2.50 per acre. Thos. Willson's offer for Marsh Lands.

The Marsh Lands Committee presented their third report,
which was read to the Council.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the further consideration of the third report of Marsh Lands Committee was laid over for evening session.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 p. m., the Council resumed.

The Warden announced that the third report of the Marsh 3rd report on
Lands Committee would now be considered, and proceeded to Marsh Lands.
read the report of the County Engineer as to drainage, &c.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Hershey,

That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Adopted.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

That the offer of Mr. Willson, made by Mr. Harcourt for him, Thos. Willson's offer.
to this Council be accepted, viz., \$2.50 per acre, with reservation
of all applications now in. Motion to accept.

Motion proposed,

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Keller, in amendment,

That the offer of Mr. Thos. Willson, for purchase of the Amendment.
Great Cranberry Marsh Land Tract at present unsold, be accepted,
and that the necessary papers in relation thereto be prepared forth-
with for signature for transfer of title of said lands.

Amendment proposed.

Amendment
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ment.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Bugar, in amendment to the amendment,

That, in the opinion of this Council, it would not be advisable to sell the whole of Marsh Lands Tract for the small sum offered, viz., \$2.50 per acre, especially as such offer is not accompanied by any conditions or obligations as to drainage :

Be it therefore resolved, that steps be taken, on the part of this Council, at once to bring about a complete and thorough system of drainage, under the Municipal or Ontario Drainage Acts, as there is every reasonable probability, from the report of the County Engineer, and the opinion of many owners and occupiers of Marsh Lands, that such action on the part of your Council would lead to most satisfactory results in the shape of profits to the County.

The discussion thereon being very lengthy, in which all members engaged, and it becoming late before a vote was arrived at,

It was moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. Pringle,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again this morning at the usual hour. — Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at 12.10 a. m.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10TH, 1881.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle, Ramsden, Thos. Willson and John Willson.—21.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk, and approved by Council.

The Warden presented to Council the report of County Inspector of Schools, ordered the 8th inst., which was read,

Report of
County In-
spector of
Schools.

And announced that the matter of Gross vs. Ball would take precedence this morning, pursuant to motion of the 8th inst.

Gross v. Ball.

After discussion,

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,

That whereas, the further consideration of the charges against the Public School Inspector was appointed for this morning's sessions :

And whereas, it is announced that witnesses are present prepared to give evidence in the matter :

Be it therefore resolved, that the evidence be now proceeded with :

And be it also resolved, that a full opportunity shall be given Mr. Ball to adduce rebuttal testimony on this or some subsequent day.

Motion proposed, and Mr. Beatty calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, J. Garner, A. Garner, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle and Thos. Willson.—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Keller, Ramsden and John Willson.—8.

Motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 5.

Accordingly the examination in the matter of School Inspector was again gone into,

Mr. Gross calling Mr. Chas. McGlashan, who was examined ;

Also Mr. Pegg.

Mr. Pegg ex-
amined, also—

At the conclusion of Mr. Pegg's examination, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m., the Council resumed.

The examination in the matter of the County Inspector was again take up.

John Hendershot, Allan Rice.

Mr. Gross called John Hendershot ; also Allan Rice.

At the conclusion of Mr. Rice's examination, Mr. Gross and M. Ball stated that they were not ready to go on with the case any farther to-day.

A discussion arising as to the time of continuing the investigation, the consideration of the same was deferred for the present.

Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,

Acc't of S. R. Girven.

That the account of S. R. Girven, for 100 tin boxes for registry office, amounting to \$18, be paid, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheque in payment thereof. --Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garner,

Acc't of H. T. Ross.

That the account of H. T. Ross, Esq., amounting to \$35, as per account rendered, be paid, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheque for the same. --Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Bugar,

Late Judge Macdonald.

That this Council desires to express their most sincere regret at the sudden death of Roland Macdonald, Esq., late Judge of this County, and hereby beg to convey to Mrs. Macdonald and family their sympathy in her affliction ; also due appreciation of the loss our County has sustained by the death of her late husband ; and that the Clerk be instructed to attach the corporate seal, and forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Macdonald. Carried unanimously.

Motion for special adjourned session.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that James H. Ball, Esq., the Inspector of Schools, be accorded every opportunity to collect evidence to disprove the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. Gross, now before this Council, as well as the

statements made by gentlemen who have appeared in support of such petition ;

And whereas the educational interests of the County and their proper promotion, in so far as the public schools are concerned, is, in the opinion of this Council, of sufficient importance to warrant the expense necessarily attending the holding of a special session :

Be it therefore resolved, that this Council do now adjourn to *Carried*. meet again on 19th day of December, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that in the interim each member of Council obtain all the information possible as to the feeling in his municipality in regard to the efficiency of Mr. Ball, and the truthfulness of all the allegations contained in said petition.—*Carried*.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at 4.10 p. m.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WELLAND, DEC. 19TH, 1881

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at the Grand Jury Council met. Room, in the Court House, Welland, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Coulson, *Present*. Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Pringle, Ramsden, Thos. Willson and John Willson.—20.

The minutes of the 10th inst. were read by the Clerk, and approved by Council.

Matters laid
before Council

The Warden presented to the Council a communication from Mrs. Hill *re* registry office.

Also a resolution passed by the Public School Board of Chipawa *re* the Inspector of Schools ;

Also a resolution passed by the County Council of Elgin *re* selecting of jurors ;

And announced that the matter of the Inspector of Schools, and the sale of Marsh Lands would engage the attention of Council, and trusted that the conclusion of the business of the year would be done as expeditiously as possible ;

Also presented petition from School Board of Town of Thorold ;

Also from School Boards, Willoughby ;

Also from School Trustees, Separate School, Town of Thorold ;

Also from School Trustees, Township of Thorold ; all relating to the charges against the County Inspector of Schools ;

Also from County of Elgin, as to accounts of the administration of justice ;

Also from same, respecting the Provincial Exhibition ;

Also from S. S. No. 8, Pelham, *re* County Inspector of Schools ;

Also from School Trustees, Township of Bertie, *re* Inspector ;

Also from School Trustees, Port Colborne, *re* Inspector ;

Also from School Trustees, Crowland ;

Also from Township of Humberstone, *re* County Inspector of Schools ;

Also from F. Swayze, Chairman of Public School Board, Welland, *re* Model School ;

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Referred.

That the communications, just read, from the County of Elgin, *re* selection of jurors, Provincial Exhibition, and administration of criminal justice accounts, be referred to the following

Special Committee, viz.:—Messrs. John Willson, Burgar, A. Garner, and the mover and seconder, with instructions to report thereon.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the communication of F. Swayze, Esq., *re* Model School, be referred to the Committee on Education, with instructions to report thereon.—Carried.

Messrs. L. D. Raymond and I. P. Willson appeared, by permission, at the Bar of the Council, asking that a caretaker be appointed for county buildings, to clean offices, make fires, &c.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson,

That the application of Messrs. Raymond and Willson, be referred to the Gaol Committee, to report thereon during the present session.—Carried.

By permission, the Special Committee *re* communications from County of Elgin, were allowed to retire, and before their return, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the Council resumed.

The Warden presented petition from school trustees of Stamford, *re* County Inspector ;

Petitions *re*
School In-
spector.

Also from trustees school section in Pelham, *re* County Inspector ;

Also from sections in Township Bertie, *re* Inspector ;

Also from Village of Fort Erie, *re* County Inspector of Schools ;

Also from Township of Wainfleet, *re* Inspector.

*Re chair for
registry office.*

By permission of Council, Mr. D'Everardo was allowed to address the Council in reference to a spring office chair purchased by him, and the Council disallowed.

*Investigation
re Inspector.*

The Warden announced to the Council that the matter of Gross vs. County Inspector would now be taken up, and called upon Mr. Gross to proceed accordingly.

*Witnesses:
A. G. Hill,
O.F. Knisely,*

Mr. Gross called Mr. A. G. Hill, who was examined.

Also Mr. O. F. Knisely.

At the conclusion of Mr. Knisely's evidence Mr. Gross stated that that was all the evidence he had to offer.

Mr. Ball was informed by the Warden that he would now be allowed to call witnesses to the number of five, as was agreed upon at a previous time.

*Dr. Haney,
Mr. Rice,*

Accordingly, Mr. Ball called M. F. Haney, M. D.

Also Mr. Rice.

Mr. McKenzie,

Also Mr. McKenzie.

*Mr. E. W.
Brookfield.*

Also Mr. E. W. Brookfield.

At the conclusion of Mr. Brookfield's evidence, the Warden announced that the evidence was now completed, and called upon Mr. Gross to make any remark he wished to, to close his case.

As also Mr. Ball, who stated that he was not prepared to make his closing remarks, and asked permission to be allowed to defer them till the morning, which was allowed, and the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WELLAND, DEC. 20TH, 1881.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bargar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Pringle, Ramsden and John Willson.—19.

The Warden presented report of the County Clerk, *re* sales of Marsh Lands ^{Marsh Lands sales.}, which was read to Council.

The Warden remarked that the matter of Gross vs. Ball ^{Gross v. Ball.} would now be taken up, and called upon the parties to sum up, and, by an informal vote, Mr. Gross was asked to address the Council first, which he declined to do, claiming that Mr. Ball, as defendant, should first address the Council, and then he would probably make some closing remarks.

Mr. Ball stated that he did not think any remarks necessary, but would leave the matter in the hands of the Council.

Mr. Ball was examined, at length, by different members of Council.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the report of Special Committee, to whom was re-^{Report recom. from County}ferred certain communications from the County of Elgin, now on of Elgin. the table, be received and read.—Carried.

Report read, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the report of Special Committee, just read, be adopted. ^{Adopted.} Carried.

The Warden presented a communication from Sheriff Duncan, ^{Re Jury Service.} as to jury service, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the application of D. D'Everardo be referred to Registry ^{Re application of D. D'Everardo.} Office Committee, to report thereon during the present session.

Motion proposed.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Furry, in amendment,

That \$5.75 be paid Geo. Cronmiller, for one office chair purchased by Mr. D'Everardo, for registry office.

The amendment proposed, and lost on a division; and the original motion, being again proposed, was also lost on a division.

The Warden presented an account of L. D. Raymond.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,

Acct. L. D.
Raymond.

That the account of L. D. Raymond, Esq., be paid, and the Warden authorized to issue his cheque therefor.—Carried.

Motion re sale
of Marsh
Lands.

The Warden presented the resolution of the 9th inst., in reference to the sale of Marsh Lands, which was not disposed of at the time, which was again read, in the following words:—

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

That the offer of Mr. Willson, made by Mr. Harcourt for him, to this Council, be accepted, viz., \$2.50 per acre, with reservation of all applications now in.

And, moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Keller, in amendment,

Amendment.

That the offer of Mr. Thos. Willson, for purchase of the Great Cranberry Marsh Lands Tract at present unsold, be accepted, and that the necessary papers in relation thereto be prepared forthwith for signature for transfer of title of said lands.

And, moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Burgar, in amendment to the amendment,

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ment.

That, in the opinion of this Council, it would not be advisable to sell the whole of the Marsh Lands Tract for the small sum offered, viz., \$2.50 per acre, especially as such offer is not accompanied by any satisfactory conditions or obligations as to drainage:

Be it therefore resolved, that steps be taken on the part of this Council at once, to bring about a complete and thorough system of drainage, under the Municipal or Ontario Drainage Acts, as there is every reasonable probability, from the report of the County Engineer, and the opinion of many of the owners and occupiers of

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Marsh Lands, that such action on the part of your Council would lead to most satisfactory results in the shape of profits to the County.

A discussion arising thereupon, the Warden presented a communication from Mr. A. Williams, making an offer for the Marsh Lands. ^{offer.}

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the Council resumed.

The matter of Marsh Lands sale was again considered.

The Warden again read the offers of Messrs. Thos. Willson and A. Williams, as to purchase of Marsh Lands.

Mr. Thos. Willson submitted an additional clause to his offer ^{offers amend-}
for Marsh Lands. ^{ed.}

Mr. Williams was allowed to address the Council in reference to purchase of lands.

Also Mr. Harcourt addressed the Council in reference to Marsh Lands purchase.

Mr. Williams amended his offer as to purchase of lands, increasing the price per acre to \$2.25.

After a very exhaustive and eloquent discussion, the amendment to the amendment being again proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :-

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, ^{Amendment}
Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Misener, ^{to amend-}
Pringle, Ramsden and John Willson. —14. ^{ment carried.}

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, J. Garner, A. Garner and Meiler.—4
The amendment to the amendment passing in the affirmative majority, 10.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

*Re Michael
Smith mort-
gage.*

That whereas Michael Smith purchased from this County a lot purporting to lie on East street ;

And whereas the supposed street was destroyed by the canal enlargement in Port Colborne, necessitating the said Smith to remove his house, at considerable cost ;

And whereas the said Smith, at his decease, which occurred recently, left a family in poverty ;

And whereas there is still a balance of interest due this Council upon the said lot :

Be it therefore resolved, that the amount of the said mortgage be remitted, and that the Warden and Clerk prepare and execute a discharge of the said mortgage.

Carried, without a division.

*Petition from
publishers.*

The Warden presented a petition from the printers of the county, asking accommodation in court room.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Referred.

That the communication of N. B. Colcock and others, *re* accommodation in court room, be referred to Gaol Committee. -
Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. Hershey,

*Re Marsh
Lands drain-
age.*

That in consideration of the resolution committing this county to a thorough drainage of the tract known as the Marsh Land ;

And whereas said resolution recommended that such drainage be done under the Municipal or Ontario Drainage Acts :

Be it therefore resolved, that the Marsh Lands Committee be instructed to communicate at once with the Ontario Government in regard to securing aid under the Ontario Drainage Act, and also to make such arrangements as to fully carry out the recommendation, whereby this Council is fully committed to the thorough

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drainage of said lands, and to report the same to the next meeting of Council.

Motion proposed,

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson, in amendment,

That the question before this Council be taken into consideration at the January session of 1882.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, J. Garner, A. Garner, Metler and John Willson.—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Misener, Pringle and Ramsden.—13.

Amendment passing in the negative ; majority, 8.

The original motion being again proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Misener, Pringle and Ramsden.—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Beatty, J. Garner, A. Garner, Metler and John Willson.—5.

Original motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 8.

The Warden presented a communication from R. Harcourt, as to purchase of Marsh Lands mortgages.

Mr. Harcourt's offer for Marsh Lands mortgages.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That whereas the Marsh Lands cannot be thoroughly drained via Welland River, except the aprons of the culverts passing under the Feeder may be lowered :

Re aprons of culverts under Feeder.

Therefore be it an instruction to the Clerk of this Council, to communicate with the Minister of Public Works, setting forth the contemplated action of the Council relating to drainage, and ascertain whether the Government will lower the said aprons, provided the drains be so deepened as to require it.—Carried.

Re Mr. Harcourt's offer.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,
That the application of R. Harcourt, Esq., M. P. P., be taken
into consideration at the January session of 1882.

Motion proposed,

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry, in amendment,

That the communication from R. Harcourt, in regard to county mortgages, be referred to Marsh Lands Committee, with instructions to report to this Council to-morrow morning.

Motion proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Bugar, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Dr. Johnston D. A. Johnson, Metler and Pringle.—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Cruickshank, Fraser, Hershey, Keller, Lee, Misener.—7.

The Warden expressed a wish to vote on this matter, and accordingly voted nay, causing the vote equal, and the amendment therefore was declared lost.

The mover and seconder of the original motion not being present, the same was deferred.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,

Re Marsh Lands drainage.

That the Marsh Lands Committee be instructed to report forthwith, as to the authority possessed by this county to render the Ontario Drainage Act effective in securing an efficient system of drainage of the tract known as the Cranberry Marsh Lands, and if the said Act does not provide satisfactory means for counties to take action thereon, that this Council memorialize the Government of Ontario to the effect that such power be enacted and provided for in reference to powers of counties.

A lengthy discussion arising thereupon, and the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

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NINTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WELLAND, DEC. 21ST, 1887.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Burgar, Cruick-^{Present.}
shank, Fraser, Furry, J. Garner, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston,
D. A. Johnson, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Morris, Pringle,
Ramsden and J. Willson.—19.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by the Council.

The Warden remarked that Dr. Johnston's motion, *re* drainage, not reached at time of adjournment last evening, would now be in order, and proceeded to read it again, and, by the consent of the mover and seconder and the Council, the resolution was amended so as to read "report forthwith" instead of "to-morrow," as therein mentioned.

The resolution, as amended, was again read, and passed on a Motion *re*
division. ^{drainage}
^{passed.}

By permission, the Gaol Committee and Marsh Lands Committee were allowed to retire.

Mr. Burgar, from Gaol Committee, brought up their special ^{Report of}
report, *re* application. which was read to the Council. ^{Gaol Com. *re*}
^{sweeping out,}
^{&c.}

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the special report of Gaol Committee, *re* sweeping out and building fires in offices, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. Beatty's motion for deferring the application of Mr. Har-^{Mr. Har-}
court, as to the purchase of county mortgages, to January session, ^{court's appli-}
1882, laid over from yesterday's session, was again read, and car-^{cation laid}
^{over.}
ried, on a division.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson,

That the report of Committee on Education, *in re* Model ^{Report *re*}
School, be received and read.—Carried. ^{Model School.}

Report read.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. D. A. Johnson,

**Motion to
adopt.**

That the report, just read, be adopted.

Motion proposed.

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. A. Garner, in amendment,

Amendment.

That the report be referred back to the Standing Committee on Education, to amend the same by striking out all after the word "assembled," and substitute the following :—

Your Committee cannot recommend any action to be taken in the matter.

Lost.

The amendment proposed, and lost on a division.

Report adopted.

The original motion, for the adoption of the report, being again proposed, was carried on a division.

Moved by Mr. Furry seconded by Mr. Fraser,

**Motion re
Gross v. Ball.**

That, in the opinion of this Council, the charges contained in the petition of Mr. Gross, now on the table, in reference to the widespread feeling of dissatisfaction existing throughout the County as to the efficiency of Mr. Ball as Public School Inspector of the County, have not been sufficiently established to warrant this Council in granting the prayer of said petition.

Motion proposed.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Dr. Johnston, in amendment,

Amendment.

That whereas certain charges have been preferred against Mr. Ball, County Inspector ;

And whereas it has been elicited, upon careful inquiry, that the Inspector violated the spirit of the instructions given him in December session, 1879, relating to County Teachers' Association ;

And whereas it has also been made apparent that third-class certificates have been extended and renewed to such an extent as to prejudicially affect the standing of the schools, and prevent legally qualified teachers from obtaining employment ;

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at teachers' meetings, but has prevented educators from other counties attending the Teachers' Association :

Be it therefore resolved, that this Council regrets that Mr. Ball has so conducted the important business entrusted to his care as to greatly impair the confidence of this Council and the general public in his efficiency and usefulness.

Amendment proposed, upon which an animated discussion arose, during which Mr. Burgar, the reeve of Welland, presented to the Council a declaration made by M. W. Bridgman, touching matter of Gross vs. Ball, now under consideration.

Declaration of
M. W. Bridg-
man.

And the hour of adjournment having arrived previous to the close of the discussion, the Warden left the chair, Mr. Pringle having the floor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m., the Council resumed.

Mr. Pringle continued his remarks upon the amendment ; as also various other members of Council.

The amendment being again proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Burgar, J. Garner, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Morris and Pringle.—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Cruickshank, Fraser, Furry, Hershey, Lee, Metler, Misener, Ramsden and John Willson.—11.

Amendment
lost.

Amendment passing in the negative—majority, 5.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. John Willson,

That the main question be now put.

Upon which the yeas and nays being called, they were taken as follows :

Previous
question.

YEAS—Messrs. Beatty, Fraser, Furry, Keller, Lee, Misener and John Willson.—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bugar, Cruickshank, A. Garner, Hershey, Dr. Johnston, D. A. Johnson, Metler, Morris, Pringle and Ramsden. 11.

The motion passing in the negative—majority, 4.

Original motion ruled out.

The original motion being again proposed, a point of order was raised, that the motion just negatived, "that the main question be now put," debarred the original from being again put. The Warden held the point of order sustained, and ruled that the original motion could not be again submitted.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the Warden do now leave the chair, and Mr. Lee do take the same.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, Mr. Lee occupied the chair.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the thanks of this Council be tendered James Smith, Esq., for very courteous, efficient and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council for the present year.—Carried unanimously.

Accordingly, the thanks of Council were tendered the Warden, in terms of the foregoing resolution, and, after a few appropriate remarks by the Warden, thanking the Council for the expressions conveyed, and wishing the Council the compliments of the season, Mr. Smith resumed the chair.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That this Council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m.

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APPENDIX A.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

FIRST REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of Mr. John F. Gross in *re* Inspector of Schools for the County of Welland, beg leave to report as follows, viz :—

In order to arrive at an intelligent opinion in the premises, information should be placed before your Worshipful Body on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

1st. Your committee is informed that Messrs. A. McCulloch of Thorold, Robert Grant, W. M. Bridgman and R. A. Campbell, of Welland, can give such information.

2d. The return requested of the Inspector of Schools at June Session of 1879, should be made, and said return should

contain list of the names of teachers now or during this present year teaching in this County, the date of certificates, where granted, and of what class.

3rd. Any evidence the Inspector desires should also be placed before your Worshipful Body on his furnishing the names of the parties required.

Your committee recommend that the Clerk of this Council give the necessary notice to carry out the 1st, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of this report as numbered, and that such evidence appear, and return be made, before this Council on 7th of December, 1881.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT J. JOHNSTON,
D. A. JOHNSON,
D. METLER,
JOHN MISENER,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK,
W. B. PRINGLE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 6th, 1881.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION *Re* MODEL SCHOOL.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your committee on Education recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be granted to the Welland County Model

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School, and that the Warden issue his cheque in favor of F. Swayze, Esq., Chairman of School Board, for said sum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT J. JOHNSTON,
D. A. JOHNSON,
W. B. PRINGLE,
D. METLER,
JOHN WILLSON,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK,
JOHN MISENER.

Council Chamber,
Dec. 20th, 1881.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled:*

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg to submit this their report, and would recommend payment of the following certified accounts, viz.:—

J. J. Sidey, printing minutes, &c.....	\$114 80
James Smith, personal expenses in <i>re</i> arbitration, &c.....	5 00
Dennis Rice, blacksmithing.....	1 15
N. Ure & Co.....	4 25
Anger Bros., advertising.....	14 64
W. H. Bone, ".....	11 40
N. E. Thompson, cleaning registry office.....	1 50

Hellems & Garner, stationery	10 40
“ “ telegraphing	4 28
George Cronmiller, repairs to furniture	2 55
N. B. Colcock, advertising	13 00
John Appleyard, fitting, blacking and putting up stoves	6 65

Your committee beg to report that a portion of account, for spring office chair, amounting to \$5.75, was disallowed in the June report, not being ordered by the committee appointed by your Council to provide furniture, &c., for said office ; therefore your committee cannot recommend that the above item be paid. Your committee would further recommend that in future no accounts be allowed unless properly authorized, and that all county officers be notified by the clerk accordingly.

JAMES SMITH,
JOHN A. RAMSDEN,
CHAS. KELLER, JR.,
J. H. BURGAR.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 9th, 1881.

FIRST REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Gaol Committee beg leave to submit this their report:-

Your committee, on examination, find that the floor in the day rooms of the north wing was worn out, and ordered new floors of oak to be laid, at a cost of about seventy-five dollars. The

work has been done in an excellent manner, and is a great improvement.

They have also caused a pump to be placed in the new cistern in the yard for female prisoners, at a cost of \$12. On fitting up the room for the License Commissioners, your committee incurred an expense of \$15.62, for chairs and table.

In carrying out instructions, as per resolution of this Council, your committee caused a partition to be erected dividing Mr. Raymond's office into two rooms, at a cost of \$20.50.

On the present Sheriff assuming office, it was found that Mr. Hobson claimed all the furniture in the late Sheriff's office, and your committee was necessitated to refit the office, which was done as cheaply as possible, so as to make the office efficient and comfortable. The expense incurred was \$34.

Your committee would recommend that the following certified accounts be passed, and the Warden authorized to issue his cheque in payment thereof, viz.:—

John Appleyard, sundries for gaol.....	\$15 95
“ putting up stove in court room.....	50
“ “ micas in stove, Sheriff's office.....	75
M. Vanderburgh, partition in Solicitor's office.....	20 50
M. Beatty & Sons, repairing cell grates.....	2 00
F. X. Sauter & Son, furniture, Sheriff's office.....	34 00
Geo. P. Moore, lumber.....	1 15
John Appleyard, coal hod and dust pan, Surrogate office..	1 00
“ pipes and fitting up stove.....	1 98
Hellems & Garner, stationery, Gaoler's office.....	5 00
W. B. Chambers, &c., for Mr. Willson's office.....	33 20

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
EDWIN HERSHEY,
EDWARD LEE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1881.

REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE *Re* G. L. HOBSON'S COMMUNICATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland :

Your Standing Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Geo. L. Hobson, *re* Division Court office, beg leave to report that, whereas there is no office now vacant in the court house except the room used as a committee room by your honorable body, your committee cannot recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted, unless your Council see fit to allow Mr. Hobson to occupy said committee room.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
EDWARD LEE,
EDWIN HERSHEY,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK.

Welland, Dec. 9th, 1881.

SPECIAL REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF L. D. RAYMOND AND I. P. WILLSON.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Gaol Committee, to whom was referred the application of Messrs. L. D. Raymond and I. P. Willson, as to sweeping out offices and building fires, are unable at present to arrive at a satis-

factory arrangements, and beg to recommend that this matter be deferred for further consideration until the January session of Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK,
EDWIN HERSHEY,
EDWARD LEE,
ANSON GARNER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 21st, 1881.

FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to submit the following report :—

The Tisdale Bridge has been completed, according to contract, and accepted by the joint committees of Lincoln and Welland. The contractor has been paid the sum of \$900, which was the contract price. Lincoln paid \$675, and the County of Welland, \$225.

Your committee, with the committee of Lincoln, have had the following county line bridges repaired, which have cost the following sums :

The Port Davidson Bridge :

William Shirton, repairing.....\$46.75

Lincoln a like sum.

Wellandport Bridge :

Hiram Hanham, earth work.....	\$420
James Rice, timber and plank.....	15
Thomas Ray, piling and timber.....	110
George Sutherland, plank and work.....	47

Total.....\$592

The County of Lincoln has paid a like sum.

There is still due to Thomas Ray \$110, and to Hiram Hanham the sum of \$20. The balance has been paid by cheque of Warden.

Robins' Bridge :

Thomas Ray, for bridge and guards.....\$950
Which has been paid.

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

O'Reilly's Bridge :

Thomas Ray, repairing.....\$0 75

Port Robinson Bridge :

Frederick Secord, repairing.....\$0 75

Montrose Bridge :

I. H. Allen, plank.....\$12 03
Joseph Burton, work on bridge.....4 00

Your committee recommend the payment, by cheque of the Warden, of the above amounts that have not been paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GARNER, (Chairman.)
ELISHA FURRY,
JOHN MISENER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 7th, 1881.

FIRST REPORT OF MARSH LANDS COMMITTEE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

The Committee on Marsh Lands beg leave to make their first report :

In the month of October, by arrangement, your committee met the Government Valuers, in the Town of Welland, to arrange for lands taken for canal enlargement, as to price, &c. On the 28th of October your committee made a special inspection of that portion of Lots 27 and 28, Con. 4, Humberstone, being the lots from which the lands were taken.

Your committee interviewed Geo. Shure, owner of Lot 26, and learned from him that \$60 per acre was the price paid to him and Martin Neff for lands likewise taken for canal enlargement.

Your committee concluded that the land taken from the County was of equal value of the land of Shure and Neff, and instructed Mr. Lee, chairman, to notify the Government Valuers that \$60 per acre was the lowest price the committee would accept in settlement for lands taken from the County.

The Government Valuers have accepted the offer, and Mr. Lee, as chairman of committee, has signed agreement, as requested, to close the matter.

The quantity of land taken is 20 43-100ths acres. The valuers stated the money would be paid within thirty days, or as soon as satisfactory title was made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD LEE, (Chairman.)
JOSEPH GARNER,
EDWIN HERSHEY,
J. A. RAMSDEN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 6th, 1881.

SECOND REPORT OF MARSH LANDS COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

The Committee on County Lands, to whom was referred the communication of Robert Nugent, of Humberstone, complaining of obstructions, such as fences, being placed across Brown's tap drain, in Humberstone and Crowland, and praying the Council to appoint a suitable person to see that said obstructions may be removed, beg to report, they are fully aware of the existence of the obstructions complained of by Mr. Nugent.

Your committee recommend that Robert Nugent be appointed to take charge of Brown's tap, and that he be instructed to notify all persons having fences or other obstructions on said drain to remove the same forthwith, and, in case they neglect or refuse to do so within six days after such notice, it shall be the duty of Mr. Nugent to make complaint to a magistrate against such persons as neglect or refuse to remove such obstructions, for trespassing on County property.

Your committee recommend the sum of \$1.25 per day, for each day necessarily engaged in discharge of above duties.

Your committee recommend a copy of this report being furnished by the clerk for guidance of Mr. Nugent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD LEE, (Chairman.)
JOSEPH GARNER,
JOHN A. RAMSDEN,
EDWIN HERSHEY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 9th, 1881.

REPORT OF MARSH LANDS COMMITTEE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Committee on Marsh Lands beg to report having received an offer for the purchase of the whole of the Marsh Lands Tract, which we herewith submit.

And we beg further to report, according to instructions, having procured plans, specifications and estimates for the thorough drainage of the same, likewise herewith submitted.

EDWARD LEE, (Chairman.)
EDWIN HERSHEY,
JOSEPH GARNER,
JOHN A. RAMSDEN.

Council Room, Welland,
Dec. 9th, 1881.

REPORT OF REGISTRY OFFICE COMMITTEE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Special Committee on Registry Office beg leave to submit this their report :-

Your committee caused the fence and coal house to be painted, at a cost of \$30.35. They have also placed a force pump, with hose attached, in the well in the yard, for the purpose of

watering the lawn, at an expense of \$40. They have further incurred an expense of about \$20, for sidewalk and fitting up lot.

Your committee would recommend that shade and ornamental trees be planted in and around the lot in the Spring.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
EDWARD LEE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 9th, 1881.

REPORT OF REGISTRY OFFICE COMMITTEE *Re* D. D'EVERARDO.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Registry Office Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Registrar, in regard to placing a stove and matting in the west vault of the registry office, beg leave to submit this their report :

Your committee would recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the committee authorized to make the necessary arrangements in compliance therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
JOSEPH GARNER,
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December, 1881.

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APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND LOCAL COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *Re* DOG TAX.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of the County of Kent, *re* dog tax, beg to report the following :—

That, in their opinion, the amendments proposed in petition would not be likely to materially better the law as it now exists, with the exception of imposing a penalty upon all owners of dogs who do not report the same to assessors.

Your committee, however, find, in regard to this clause in petition, that statute already imposes a penalty of five dollars upon

all persons owning or keeping dogs and failing to report the same to assessors, when required so to do, in writing.

Your committee beg to recommend a petition being forwarded to the Legislature, asking the amendment of the law, so that all parties coming into any of the municipalities of this Province after the final revision of the assessment rolls, and owning or harboring any dog or dogs, be required to report the same, within 20 days, to the clerk of the municipality, and pay in to him the sum of \$1 upon each of such dogs owned or harbored by him, and, in case of failure so to do, a substantial penalty be imposed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN HERSHEY,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK,
JOHN MISENER,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
J. GARNER.

Council Room, Welland,
Dec. 6th, 1881.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION *Re TOWN OF NIAGARA FALLS.*

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Special Committee, appointed on 5th July, 1881, to procure particulars for use of arbitrators, *re* Niagara Falls award, beg to submit this their report :

The chairman of committee met Judge Senkler, by appointment, on the 11th July, at Welland, and afterward, on the same day, drove to Messrs. Garner and Peatty's residences, and, on con-

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sulting together, chose Mr. Edward Martin, Q. C., of Hamilton, as solicitor, he having been engaged in several arbitrations between municipalities.

On 12th July, the chairman and clerk went to Hamilton and engaged him on behalf of the county. He then gave instructions what papers and documents to prepare, and which, with the assistance of the clerk, your committee executed, and we have great pleasure in stating that Mr. Martin ably conducted the arbitration on behalf of the County.

The Town of Niagara Falls having chosen A. G. Hill as their arbitrator, Judge Senkler and he met on the 11th July, and chose Judge Sinclair, of Hamilton, as the third.

On 26th July the arbitrators met and appointed Judge Sinclair, of Hamilton, as chairman, and having arranged preliminaries, then adjourned till 27th July, and on that day the taking of evidence was commenced, and finished on 9th August, the arbitrators having occupied portions of seven days.

Your committee beg to submit the following accounts in connection with the arbitration, would recommend payment, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheques in payment thereof, viz:

Edward Martin, solicitor.....	\$250 00
M. Vanderburgh, estimate on buildings.....	20 00
Thos. Ray, inspection of bridges, &c.....	12 00
J. C. Page, sundry expenses of committee.....	23 80
Geo. J. Duncan, committee time.....	36 60
Joseph Garner, " ".....	34 00
Stephen Beatty, " ".....	22 20

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Your committee beg also to report that they found great difficulty in particularizing items, as, in many instances in treasurer's accounts, items appearing in contingent account were evidently misplaced, either from cheque authorizing payment not being explicit enough, or the want of additional accounts being opened in treasurer's books; but, in either case, your committee would

recommend that the treasurer be requested to open accounts the receipt and payment of which are mentioned in the award, and that the clerk be also instructed, in drawing cheques, to make it plainly appear for what purpose the cheques are drawn, so that in settling with the town of Niagara Falls, at different periods mentioned in the award, trouble may not arise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GARNER,
STEPHEN BEATTY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1881.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ELGIN COMMUNICATION *Re* AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your committee, to whom was referred the communications from the County of Elgin, beg to report as follows :-

Concerning the withholding of the annual grant to the Provincial Exhibition, and the distribution of the same in an equitable manner to the county agricultural societies, your committee do not concur with the recommendations contained in such resolution, and are by no means of the opinion that the usefulness of the Provincial Exhibition is gone, as alleged in said resolution, and cannot recommend the withholding of the annual grant, as requested.

Your committee, however, fully agree with the terms contained in second resolution, and recommend a petition being forwarded to the Local Legislature, at its next session, asking that a change be made in the jury law, so that it will not be necessary to make a second selection of jurors, but have the whole done by the local municipal officers, thereby saving a great expense to the county.

Your committee also recommend co-operation, by petition, with last resolution, in regard to the manner in which the county accounts have been dealt with in the readjusting which they have to undergo in the Provincial Treasurer's office in Toronto, thereby causing a serious loss to the county.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN HERSHEY,
ANSON GARNER,
J. H. BURGAR,
A. FRASER,
JOHN WILLSON.

Council Room, Welland,
Dec. 20th, 1881.

REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES—HUMBERSTONE AND BERTIE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled:*

Your committee beg to report having let contract to August Lent, for the building of small bridge on township line, one-half mile north of Lake Erie, for the sum of \$18. In consequence of the large quantity of water in the locality, work was delayed for

some time. When finally built, your committee found that it was not according to plans and specifications. Mr. Lent was therefore required to change said bridge to meet the requirements of plans and specifications.

The said bridge being now completed to the satisfaction of your committee, they beg to recommend a cheque being issued in favor of Mr. Lent for the sum of \$18, being contract price.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN HERSHEY,
J. A. RAMSDEN.

Council Room, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1881.

SECOND REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON TOWN LINE BETWEEN HUMBERSTONE AND BERTIE.

*To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council
Assembled :*

Your committee beg to report the completion of three small bridges, let by contract to John Blundy, for the sum of thirty-four dollars, and recommend a cheque being issued in his favor to cover the amount.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN HERSHEY,
ELISHA FURRY.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 7th, 1881.

REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND
BRIDGES—HUMBERSTONE AND PORT COLBORNE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your Local Committee for the municipalities of Port Colborne and Humberstone beg respectfully to report :—

That a bridge on the boundary line between the aforesaid municipalities has been rebuilt, in a substantial manner, by Mr. John Langraff, for the sum of twenty-five dollars, according to contract with the undersigned.

Your committee further respectfully recommend that the Warden issue his cheque in favor of Mr. Langraff for the said sum of twenty-five dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. PRINGLE,
ELISHA FURRY.

Council Chamber, Welland.
Dec. 8th, 1881.

FIRST REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS
AND BRIDGES—CROWLAND AND WILLOUGHBY.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

Your committee was notified that the first bridge south of Montrose, on town line, was in an unsafe condition, and, having made an examination of the same, found it necessary to have it re-

paired and replanked, and, in so doing, became indebted as follows :—

Jesse O. Dell, labor, spikes and teaming	\$15 10
I. H. Allen, 1,148 feet oak plank, @ \$22 per M	25 25

The above work has been speedily and satisfactorily performed, and the above amounts have been paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,
EDWIN MORRIS.

Council Room, Welland,
Dec. 7th, 1881.

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APPENDIX C.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

The undersigned has the honor to report that during the year just closing there have been 645 acres of Marsh Lands sold. Amount collected within the year, on sales and on account, \$2973.34.

In the majority of cases one-fifth of purchase price is paid down, and balance secured by mortgage extending over four or five

years ; interest, 6 per cent. There are three cases in which the papers are not yet completed.

There are also several applications in for purchase of 50 acre parcels, and some of them in the third concession of Wainfleet, the position of which is as yet unsettled, as I understand it, and I would like some directions as to sales in this concession.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Welland, Dec. 20th, 1881.

REPORT OF COUNTY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

WELLAND, DECEMBER 9TH, 1881.

SIR,

In accordance with your request, I beg leave to submit the following report, containing the names of the teachers now engaged in teaching in the Public and Separate Schools under my jurisdiction, and the class of certificates held by them, and to append the names and class of certificate of those who have taught during the year, but are not now teaching :

LIST OF THOSE NOW TEACHING.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Certificate.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Maggie Madill	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1879
Harry Glendenning	2nd	
Lilly C Pew	3rd	1878
Ida Page	1st O. Co. Bd	
Ezra A. Brown	3rd	1879

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Mary E. Garner	3rd (2nd non-professional).....	1881
John A. Crysler	2nd.....	
Cornelia Grenville	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
J. H. Simpson	3rd (special).....	1877
Eugene Richardson.....	2nd.....	
Alice Cockerill.....	2nd.....	
Annie McIntyre.....	3rd.....	1878
M. B. Morris	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
Margaret Cole.....	2nd.....	
Ida Huff.....	3rd.....	
R. W. Dunlop.....	3rd (extended).....	1879
J. G. Foster.....	3rd.....	1880
Fred. McPherson.....	3rd.....	1880
Sybelia A. Cole.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
Mary Balfour.....	3rd (extended).....	1881
Connetia E. Gleason...1st O. Co. Board.....		
Judson C. Crow.....	3rd (extended).....	1880
A. W. Heaslip.....	2nd.....	
Jeannette Wait.....	3rd.....	1880
Augusta Everingham...3rd.....		1880
Jas. P. Pegg.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
John H. Meath.....	3rd.....	1880
Wm. H. Fry.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
Clara Waite.....	3rd.....	1880
Byron Smith.....	2nd.....	
Cassie Randall.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
Wm. A. Phillips.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
Imogene Fell.....	3rd.....	1879
Ensign Miller.....	3rd.....	1880
Mrs. Martha Durham...1st O. Co. Bd.....		
Thomas Brown.....	3rd.....	1878
Emma C. Price.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
John H. Crow.....	2nd.....	
David Kennedy.....	2nd.....	
J. B. Hewitt.....	1st O. Co. Bd.....	
James Oliver.....	3rd.....	1879
Alice Wilson.....	3rd.....	1880

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Certificate.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
John N. Dockstader	3rd (extended)	1880
Sarah E. Gleason	1st O. Co. Bd	
Joseph Stewart	3rd	1880
Gavin E. Robertson	1st O. Co. Bd	
Isabella B. Dale	3rd	1878
F. M. Mott	2nd	
Cecilia A. Ramey	3rd (extended)	1881
Maggie T. Reilly	3rd (extended)	1881
Sarah Brackbill	3rd	1880
A. R. Robertson	2nd	
Angie Neff	3rd	1880
Willson Griffiths	1st O. Co. Bd	
Ella Cretty	3rd	1880
Martha Wilson	3rd	1880
Maggie Grant	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1880
Lucinda Wallace	3rd	1880
Susie Hawkins	3rd	1878
Mary A. Dewitt	3rd	1878
Jemima McIntyre	1st O. Co. Bd	
Amelia Goring	1st O. Co. Bd	
Elizabeth McAllister	1st O. Co. Bd	
Carrie Beardsly	3rd	1878
Emma Cole	3rd	1878
Nellie Flanagan	3rd	1880
Wm. R. Minor	3rd	1880
Daniel McLean	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1878
Sanfield Davidson	1st	
Alfred Cole	2nd	
James Asher	2nd	
Maggie Barnhardt	3rd	1879
Jessie Beardsly	3rd	1880
Sarah Liggs	3rd	1879
Geo. R. Disher	3rd	1879
Julia Tenney	3rd	1880
Samuel McCullough	1st O. Co. Bd	
Jessie Cole	3rd	1878
Alva H. Kilman	2nd	

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1880	Jane Gerard	3rd	1878
1880	B. F. Matthews	3rd	1879
1880	Franklin C. Gram	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1879
1878	Ashman Bridgman	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1879
1881	Donald McKay	1st O. Co. Bd	
1881	Kate Brown	2nd	
1881	Catharine Foster	1st O. Co. Bd	
1880	Eugene Simon	Permit (2nd non-professional)	1881
1880	Geo. A. Clark	2nd	
1880	Augusta McCarty	3rd (extended)	1881
1880	Charles J. McKenzie	1st O. Co. Bd	
1880	Jane A. McKenzie	1st O. Co. Bd	

LIST OF THOSE NOT NOW TEACHING.

1880	Geo. Payne	2nd	
1880	E. H. Robertson	1st O. Co. Bd	
1878	Harrison Howell	2nd	
1878	Elizabeth Hyatt	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1879
	Geo. Jarvis	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1878
	Fletcher Blagborne	2nd	
	Eugene McMillan	3rd (2nd non-professional)	1880
1878	Florence M. Horner	3rd (extended)	1880
1878	Berta Jones	3rd	1880
1880	Mrs. Reid	1st O. Co. Bd	
1880	Emily Tracey	2nd (1st non-professional)	
1878	Kate Vanderlip	2nd	
	O. F. Knisely	2nd	
	Jessie Pierce	3rd (extended)	1880
	Maggie Reid	3rd (extended)	1881
1879	Alice Cole	3rd	1879

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. H. BALI.,

County Inspector.

J. C. PAGE,

County Clerk,

Welland.

REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.

WELLAND, DECEMBER 3RD, 1881.

To the Chairman of Marsh Lands Committee, Welland County Council :

SIR,---

In compliance with your instructions to make a preliminary report as to the drainage of the Marsh Lands, I beg to submit the following :—

The quantity of land obtained by the County of Welland from the Government was :—

In Humberstone Township, acres	2,048
In Wainfleet " "	10,796

Making a total of acres 12,844

These lands are surrounded by a purple or lilac shade, and marked on plan "A" and "C," and the greater part lies to the west of the main canal and south of the feeder.

The drains, both natural and artificial, are :—

The "Daly" ditch, the "Marshville tap drain," the "Brown" ditch, the "Lyons Creek" and the "main drain," which connects with and discharges through all of the before-mentioned drains.

Besides carrying off the water from the county lands, these drains have to carry off the water from a district which is technically called a catchment basin ; that is, all the water that falls in a certain district must find its way into those drains. I calculate that basin contains about 19,000 acres.

The following data will be found useful in considering this subject :

- 1st. Catchment basin ; acres, 19,000.
- 2nd. Lake Erie is about ten (10) feet above water in Welland River or Chippawa Creek.
- 3rd. The lowest part of the Marsh is about one (1) foot above Lake Erie Level.

4th. The fall, therefore, from the lowest part of the Marsh to the Welland River or Chippawa Creek is eleven (11) feet.

5th. The lowest part of the Marsh is near the stone road, (marked on plan "yellow") about the centre of the south half of Lot number 28, Concession 4, in Humberstone Township.

6th. The distance from this point, namely, the lowest part of the Marsh, to the Welland River or Chippawa Creek is about three (3) miles by the "Brown tap drain."

7th. The distance from same point through Lyons Creek to water in said Creek, on the level of Welland River, is about eight (8) miles.

The Daly ditch, if completed, will be sufficient to carry off the water from the district marked on plan "C." That is to say, from the lands lying west of Lot No. 19, in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Concessions, of Wainfleet Township.

The Marshville tap drain is sufficient, if improved, to carry off all the water west of Lot No. 7 to before-mentioned Lot No. 19.

The summit level of the Marsh is somewhere between Lots Nos. 7 and 10, and falls towards the east and the west from this point.

The Brown's tap drain would be sufficient, if improved, to void the water from the west side of the main canal westward to Lot No. 7, but it would be well, as an auxiliary to this, if Lyons Creek were improved. The improvement of this Creek I shall afterwards refer to.

In a preliminary examination like this, it would be rather hazardous to say what the size of the drains should be—so many contingencies arise when a survey is made that one has to meet. However, I may say, that possibly the fall in the Brown's tap drain would be two (2) feet per mile; the breadth at bottom, 4 (4) feet, at the front or south of the 4th Concession; side slopes $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1. The improvement should be commenced at the Welland River and carried up at the rate of inclination above referred to. The bottom of the Brown's tap culvert under the Feeder being sufficiently low to allow of this being done, the depth of this drain at south end of 4th Concession ought to be five (5) feet.

The fall in the Marshville tap drain, very possibly, may be the same as for the Brown's tap, and the other dimensions may be similar.

The Daly ditch should be completed as before intended.

From the very level surface of the Marsh, if any one of those three drains are dropped out, and not improved, it must be of serious injury to the remaining parts.

Respecting the improvement of the Lyons Creek: That part of the catchment basin is about, acres, 11,000; that is, say that there are about that number of acres east of the Welland Canal, which shed their waters into that part of the Creek which should be improved. Also a small portion of the water west of the canal from the county lands would, in case of high floods, find their way through this drain, by way of the culvert under the main canal. I say a small portion, because the apron of the new stone culvert under the main canal is the same level as Lake Erie, and consequently only one (1) foot under the lowest part of the Marsh. But this drain would be of very great advantage to the drainage of the county lands,—in acting as a species of safety valve in case of high floods,—and therefore the county ought to contribute liberally towards its construction.

I understand the county now owns about 5,500 acres, and, by referring to the annexed estimates, it will be found that the total cost of drainage of basins "A" and "C" would be about twenty-three thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$23,800). If this amount were evenly divided between the 19,000 acres in those two basins, it would give a cost of \$1.22 per acre; but as the county lands, and other lands formerly owned by the county, and other low lands would receive the highest degree of benefit, they should be charged with a higher cost than the more remote and comparatively high lands. The number of acres that should be charged with the highest rate is about 12,000, and that rate (from my experience of drainage) I would say those 12,000 acres ought to be charged, is about \$1.70 per acre, and the other 7,000 would be charged only the small sum of say 50 cents per acre; but suppose that the 5,500 acres belonging to the county were assessed as high as \$2 per acre, which is the highest I think possible, and as the county

now sells lands that are but very indifferently drained as high as \$6 per acre, it is not too much to assume that the 5,500 acres, if well drained, would be worth \$8 per acre. Then we may deduce the following :-

Improved value of land, 5,500 acres, @ \$8.....	\$44,000
Cost of drainage, 5,500 acres, @ \$2.....	11,000

Value of lands, after deducting drainage.....	\$33,000
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Now, the county have been offered two (2) dollars per acre, or eleven (11) thousand dollars for the whole tract ; and, I understand, two-and-a-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) dollars per acre for a selected three (3) thousand acres, or three (3) dollars for a selected one (1) thousand acres,—and it may be said that if the three (3) thousand acres were sold at two-and-a-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) dollars per acre, it would realize seven thousand five hundred (7,500) dollars, leaving only three thousand three hundred (3,500) dollars, or about \$1.13 per acre, to be charged on the remaining twenty-five hundred acres ; and that this may be a profitable transaction is very doubtful, because the more the land is subdivided, the greater difficulty of forcing all parties to agree to drainage. I am, therefore, of the opinion that \$2 per acre for the whole tract is quite as good, to say the least, as two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for three thousand (3,000) acres. I reason thus not to throw any obstacle in the way of intending purchasers, but to arrive at the present value of the Marsh Lands, and that I take (if the offers already made are any criterion) to be two (2) dollars per acre :

Therefore, if the value of lands after drainage amounts to.....	\$33,000
Deduct the value as shown above.....	11,000

It leaves a balance in favor of drainage of.....	\$22,000
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Referring again to Lyons Creek drainage, I am not quite thoroughly acquainted with this district in all its bearings, and therefore I am not prepared to say how much the county ought to pay towards this project. I am of opinion, however, that the Lyons Creek project would cost about ten thousand (10,000) dollars.

To improve that Creek down to a little beyond the town line between Crowland and Willoughby, it would open the door to improve 11,000 acres. The cost, therefore, after deducting what the county would pay, would be considerably under one (1) dollar per acre.

It is unnecessary for me to proceed any farther. After allowing for every possible contingency, I am of opinion that the county will, if the Marsh Lands are properly drained, be the gainers of the amount in their treasury of from eighteen thousand (18,000) to twenty-two thousand (22,000) dollars.

I should here remark that I have assumed that the work should be done under some of the existing drainage acts.

I also would add that Brown's tap, from the Welland River or Chippawa Creek to the Feeder, is on Government property, and that the back ditches along the Feeder are also on Government property. Now, if the Government would improve the Brown's tap and the back ditches, the estimated cost may be reduced \$3,100, that is to say :

For Brown's tap.....	\$1600
Extra drains (see estimates).....	1500
	\$3100

In conclusion, if the county are determined to drain, copies of the profiles, &c., as far as relates to the Brown's tap and back ditches, might be sent, with a memorial, to the Government, and I am of the opinion that this trifling sum of thirty-one hundred (3100) dollars will be expended by the authorities, and I am not alone in this opinion.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY T. ROSS,

County Engineer.

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ESTIMATE FOR COUNTY DRAINAGE.

<i>Location and Name.</i>	<i>Quantity Perches.</i>	<i>Price per perch.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
BROWN'S T.T.P. :			
From Welland River to Feeder.....	200	at \$8 00	\$ 1600 00
" Feeder to front of 4th Concession.....	760	at 4 50	3420 00
MAIN DRAIN :			
From Brown's tap to town line, and along town line to front of 4th Concession, Humberstone..	320	at 4 00	1280 00
From east west along front of 4th Concession, Wainfleet, to east side of Lot No. 10....	736	at 2 50	1940 00
From last point south along road between Lots 9 and 10 to front of 3rd Concession.....	400	at 2 00	800 00
From front of 3rd Con. north to Feeder on said road.	200	at 2 00	400 00
From east side Lot 10 west along front of 3rd Con. to Lot 18.....	660	at 2 50	1650 00
From east side Lot 18 along front of 3rd Con. to Daly ditch.....	612	at 2 50	1530 00
From Daly ditch west.....	656	at 1 00	656 00
From east side of Brown's tap to Lyons Creek culvert.....	304	at 2 00	608 00
MARSHVILLE TAP DRAIN :			
Purchasing mill dam.....			800 00
Improving from Forks Creek to Marshville culvert.	30	at 6 00	2880 00
From culvert to Main drain.....	400	at 4 00	1600 00
DALY DITCH :			
Improving and completing the said ditch.....			1000 00
EXTRA DRAINS :			
For extra drains to be hereafter located.....			1500 00
			\$21,664 00
CONTINGENCIES :			
Ten per cent additional.....			2166 40
			\$23,830 40
Deduct error, in calculation of 736 perches, at \$2.50, above.....			100 00
			\$23,730 40
LYONS CREEK PROJECT :			
Including contingencies.....			10,000 00
Total.....			\$33,730 40

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APPENDIX D.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

MEMORIAL. *Re* WATER PRIVILEGES, WELLAND CANAL.

*To the Honorable Sir Charles Tupper, K. C. M. G., Minister of
Public Works, &c., &c., &c.*

The petition of the County Council of the County of Welland,
Ontario, humbly sheweth :—

1. The recent completion of the new Welland Canal enlargement, which is of vast dimensions, and draws its supply directly from Lake Erie, will afford, from its surplus water, to an enormous degree, manufacturing power, which, in the public interests, it is desirable to utilize at the earliest possible period.

2. In connection with the water power thus created, the Government possesses large areas of land in the vicinity of the new canal, which, instead of lying idle and unproductive, might be made a source of revenue, if leased for manufacturing purposes, without, it is believed, at all impairing the efficiency of the navigable channel.

3. The uncertainty of a continuous supply of water at all periods of the year, has hitherto deterred capitalists from investing

further in the neighborhood of the old canal, which was supplied from the continually decreasing waters of the Grand River. All doubts on this matter of supply have been set at rest; the source, as above stated, is from Lake Erie. Most of the sites for water power on the old canal are already leased, and there is a manifest want of space on which to establish, with advantage, new factories, while the lands which can be utilized along the line of the new canal offer sites having unparalleled advantages, they being spacious, free of access by road or rail and easily accessible to all markets, whether in Canada or the United States.

4. In addition to the removal of all doubt as to the permanence of water supply from the present source, it is believed that the great advantages which that motor has over steam power, in point of economy, would draw vast capital to this country, cheapen the value of manufactured goods to the country at large, and make of this district the Manchester of Canada.

5. Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that this matter may receive the earnest and early consideration of the Government, and that some means will be immediately adopted whereby the facts above set forth may be made generally known to the public of both America and Europe, instead of remaining, as at present, practically unknown.

To secure this object, your petitioners beg leave to suggest that an investigation be made, and, should the result thereof be approved, that you will be pleased to indicate on what conditions sites for manufacturing purposes will be granted on the new Welland Canal.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Council Chamber, Welland,
December 21st, 1881.

JAMES SMITH,
Warden.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

(L. S.)

PETITION—COUNTY PRINTERS.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

Your petitioners, members of the press in this County, have, for some years, suffered considerable inconvenience from want of an allotted place for their use in the court room during the progress of the various courts.

The public look to them for correct reports of trials &c., and, at times, we find it next to impossible to hear the evidence, the arguments of the members of the bar, and remarks of the judge, and the charge to the jury.

Your petitioners would, therefore, humbly pray that such steps may be taken by your honorable body as may have the effect of remedying such evil.

And, as in duty bound, we will ever pray.

N. B. COLCOCK, *Telegraph.*

W. H. BONE, *Post.*

J. J. SIDEY, *Tribune.*

Welland, 20th December, 1881.

PETITION TO THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE, *Re* TAX-
ATION OF DOGS.

Copy of petition sent to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, pursuant to report of Special Committee, *re* the act respecting taxation of dogs :

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of
Ontario :*

The petition of the County Council of the County of Welland, in council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That the act respecting the taxation of dogs does not fully meet the wants and requirements of the people.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House will, at its earliest convenience, so amend said act that parties coming into any of the municipalities of this Province after the final revision of the assessment rolls, and owning or harboring any dog or dogs, be required to report the same within twenty days to the clerk of the municipality, and pay in to him the sum of one dollar upon each of said dogs owned or harbored by him, and in case of failure so to do, a substantial penalty be imposed.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council, this 6th day of December, 1881.

JAMES SMITH,

Warden.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

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PETITION OF ROBERT NUGENT, *Re* DRAINAGE.

WELLAND, Dec. 6th, 1881.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,—

I desire to call your attention to the hardships and damage which myself and others are suffering in consequence of the obstructions placed in "Brown's ditch" tap drain by parties owning the adjoining lands.

Between the 4th Concession of the Township of Humberstone and the Canal Feeder, there are fifteen fences across the drain, each one having caused a collection of logs and roots, that

forms a dam, and deprives myself and neighbors of the drainage which we are entitled to, and to obtain which considerable sums of money have been spent.

I respectfully request that you will be pleased to give the necessary instructions to have these dams removed, and appoint some suitable person to see that your instructions are carried out.

ROBERT NUGENT.

PETITION—JOHN F. GROSS, *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR
OF SCHOOLS.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth :

That, whereas your honorable body annually expends a large amount of money to support the educational institutions of this county ;

And whereas a considerable amount of that expenditure is appropriated to the payment of a County Inspector ;

And whereas, notwithstanding the lenient treatment James H. Ball, M. A., Co. Inspector, received at your hands in December, 1879, he still continues to oppose the educational interests of the County ;

And whereas the conduct of the Public School Inspector has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the county ;

And whereas he has made undue use of his power, as Inspector, to grant permits and extend third-class certificates, while there were a number of legally qualified teachers in the county who were willing to teach, but unable to get situations ;

And whereas he has, by his illiberal and stubborn demeanor, almost destroyed the usefulness of the County Teachers' Association :

And whereas he has, by his natural inability to perform the duties of County Inspector, so impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge, as to make his unfitness for the position apparent to the most uninterested observer ;

And whereas he has, by various means, promoted such a feeling of discord among the teachers of the county, as much to affect the usefulness of their calling ;

And whereas there does not seem to be the slightest probability of any permanent improvement in the educational status of this county, so long as he retains his office ;

And whereas it is necessary and expedient to take some action in the matter, so as to prevent the fast diminishing usefulness of our schools, so that they will not fall so far behind those of our neighboring counties as to be looked upon as relics of a bygone age :

Therefore your petitioner humbly prays, that your honorable body take steps to remove Mr. James H. Ball from the office of Inspector of Public Schools for this County, and substitute a more efficient man.

JOHN F. GROSS.

Welland, Dec. 2nd, 1881.

PETITION -SCHOOL TRUSTEES, TOWNSHIP OF HUMBERSTONE, *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Warden and Councilors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, Trustees of the Township of Humberstone, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the removal of James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools for this County, beg to state as follows :

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.

2. That we consider that the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.

3. That we know of no widespread dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.

4. That we would not desire to see him removed from the office of Inspector.

Trustees, { M. F. HANEY, M. D., Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 5,
JONATHAN NEFF,
JOHN M. ELLSWORTH.

A. R. ROBERTSON, { Teachers.
ANGIE M. NEFF. }

Trustees, { GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 6,
WILLIAM MITCHNER,
DAVID LEIDY.

M. KEILLY,

Teacher.

Trustees, { ASA BEARSS, Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 2,
ABRAHAM NEAR.

THOS. M. MOTU,

Teacher.

Trustees, { ABRAM KILMER, S. S. No. 3,
PETER SIDER,
ELIHU KINSEY, Sec.-Treas.

FLORENCE N. HORNER,
Teacher.

Trustees, { GILBERT SHERK, S. S. No. 1,
HUGH SHERK, Sec.-Treas.

(Signed another petition to the same effect.)

Trustees, { ROBERT McCLELLAN, Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 4,
GARRET CARPENTER,
HENRY MINNIS.

CICILIA A. RAMEY,
Teacher.

PETITION FROM CROWLAND, *Re* INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

*To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council
Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, Trustees and Teacher of the Township of Crowland, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the removal of James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools of this County, beg leave to state as follows :

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.

2. That we consider that the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.

3. That we know of no widespread feeling of dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.

4. That we would not desire to see him removed from his office as County Inspector.

L. BUCTON,
LAVELL STONER, } Trustees, Sec. 2.
BENJAMIN MOORE, }

MARGARET GRANT,
Teacher.

Dec. 19th, 1881.

PETITION *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR—BERTIE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, Trustees and Teachers of the Township of Bertie, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the removal of James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools of this County, beg leave to state as follows :

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.

2. That we consider that the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.

3. That we know of no widespread dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.

4. That we would not desire to see him removed from his office as County Inspector.

R. G. WARREN, Sec.-Treas., School Section No. 1,
M. COLCLOUGH,
JOSH PHILLIPS.

SANFIELD DAVIDSON,

Teacher.

WILLIAM SPEARS, { School Section No. 2.
SHANON BAXTER, }

JAMES ASHER,

Teacher.

PETITION *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS— TOWNSHIP OF BERTIE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, Trustees and Teachers of the Township of Bertie, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the removal of James

H. J. H. Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools of this County, beg leave to state as follows:

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.

2. That we consider that the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.

3. That we know of no widespread dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.

4. That we would not desire to see him removed from his office as County Inspector.

S. S. No. 14, { PETER LEARN,
DAVID FRITZ,
ISAAC L. POUND, Ex-teacher.

S. S. No. 12, { JAMES EDSALL,
B. F. MATTHEWS,

S. S. No. 10, { ISAAC LOWN,
E. H. ELLSWORTH,
JESSIE A. COLE, Teacher,
SOLOMON BARNHART.

S. S. No. 11, { A. H. KILMAN, Teacher.

SARAH C. BRACKBILL, Teacher, No. 7, Humberstone.

HUGH SHERK, Trustee, S. S. No. 1, Humberstone.

ISABELLA DALE, Teacher, S. S. No. 1, Humberstone.

S. S. No. 5, { EDWARD HAWLEY,
MAGGIE BARNHART, Teacher,
JOHN SEXSMITH.

S. S. No. 6, { JOHN SHOTWELL.

PETITION *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR—TOWNSHIP OF
PELHAM.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned Trustees and Teacher of the Township of Pelham, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the removal of James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools of this County, beg to state as follows :

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.
2. That we consider the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.
3. That we know of no widespread dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.
4. That we would not desire to see him removed from his office as County Inspector.

JOSEPH SECORD, } Trustees, S. S. No. 9.
JOHN EFFRICK, }

W. H. FRY,
Master.

PETITION FROM TOWNSHIP OF PELHAM—*Re* COUNTY
INSPECTOR.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned Trustees and Teachers of the Township of Pelham, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the removal of James

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H. Ball, Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools of this County, beg leave to state as follows :-

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.
2. That we consider that the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.
3. That we know of no widespread dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.
4. That we would not desire to see him removed from his office as County Inspector.

U. S. S. No. 3, Pelham, { H. E. HURST, Sec.-Treasurer,
ALFRED GILES, Trustee,
BYRON SMITH, Teacher,
CASSIE RANDALL, Teacher.

S. S. No. 3, Pelham, { ALFRED WILLSON.

S. Sec. No. 4, Pelham, { J. BRASFORD, Sec.-Treasurer,
E. C. TAYLOR, Trustee.

PETITION--S. S. NO. 8, PELHAM, *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN.

We, the undersigned Trustees and Teachers of the Township of Pelham, S. S. No. 8, having learned, with surprise, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, asking for the

removal of James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., from his position as Inspector of Public Schools of this County, beg leave to state as follows :—

1. That we are not dissatisfied with Mr. Ball, as Inspector of Public Schools of this County.

2. That we consider that the schools in our township have materially advanced, in an educational point of view, since he has been Inspector.

3. That we know of no widespread dissatisfaction existing in our township against Mr. Ball.

4. That we would not desire to see him removed from his office as County Inspector.

Trustees, { LEONARD REECE, S. S. No. 8,
HUGH PATTERSON, .
W. J. SKIMIN,

B. BLAIN, Trustee, No. 7.

JOHN H. MEATH, Teacher, No. 8.

THOMAS REECE, and Fourteen others.

PETITION FROM STAMFORD, *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, have learned, with surprise and regret, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, setting forth that James H. Ball Esq., the County Inspector of Schools for this County, "continues to oppose the educational interests of the

County;" that his conduct "has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the County;" that "he has made undue use of his power," and that "he has, by his natural inability, greatly impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge."

We have not known or heard of anything in Mr. Ball's conduct to warrant the charges above-mentioned, and the other charges contained in the petition referred to above, and believe them to be absolutely groundless.

We have always found Mr. Ball exhibiting the most active and painstaking interest in the schools with which we are connected, and we feel it, at the present time, to be a duty which we owe to the schools of our County, as well as to Mr. Ball, to express to you the high esteem in which we hold Mr. Ball, in his capacity as County Inspector, that we may do what we can to preserve to the schools of the County Mr. Ball's valuable talents, which so well fit him for the office of Inspector of Schools.

Trustees of S. S. No. 2, Stamford, { WILLIAM PETERSON,
THOMAS LAMPMAN,
JOHN BROWN,

Trustees of Union No. 2, Tp. Stamford, { ADAM GARNER,
JAMES H. LAMPMAN,

INSPECTOR.

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PETITION FROM STAMFORD, *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR
OF SCHOOLS.

STAMFORD, 16th Dec., 1881.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, have learned, with surprise and regret, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body. setting forth that James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., the County Inspector of Schools for this County, continues to oppose the educational interests of the County ; that his conduct "has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the County ;" that "he has made undue use of his power," and that "he has, by his natural inability, greatly impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge."

We have not known or heard of anything in Mr. Ball's conduct to warrant the charges contained in the petition referred to above, and believe them to be absolutely groundless.

We have always found Mr. Ball exhibiting the most active and painstaking interest in the schools with which we are connected, and we feel it, at the present time, to be a duty which we owe Mr. Ball, as well as to our County, to express to you the high esteem in which we hold Mr. Ball, in his capacity of County Inspector, so that we may do what we can to preserve to the schools of the County Mr. Ball's valuable talents, which so well fit him for the office of Inspector of Schools.

S. S. No. 10. { GEORGE COLLINS,
JOHN DAWSON, } Trustees.
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PETITION FROM TOWNSHIP OF WILLOUGHBY—*Re* CO.
INSPECTOR.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, have learned, with surprise and regret, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, setting forth that James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., the County Inspector of Schools for this County, "continues to oppose the educational interests of the County;" that his conduct "has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the County;" that "he has made undue use of his power," and that "he has, by his natural inability, greatly impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge."

We have not known or heard of anything in Mr. Ball's conduct to warrant the charges contained in the petition referred to above, and believe them to be absolutely groundless.

We have always found Mr. Ball exhibiting the most active and painstaking interest in the schools with which we are connected, and we feel it, at the present time, to be a duty which we owe to Mr. Ball, to express to you the high esteem in which we hold Mr. Ball, in his capacity of County Inspector, that we may do what we can to preserve to the schools of the County Mr. Ball's valuable talents, which so well fit him for the office of Inspector of Schools.

Trustees S. S. No. 2, Willoughby, { PETER SNIDER,
JACOB LAPP.

Teacher, No. 2, { CARRIE BEARDSLY.

Trustees S. S. No. 1, Willoughby, { HENRY J. BEAM,
ELIAS SHERK.

Teacher S. S. No. 1, Willoughby, { ELIZABETH McALISTER.

Trustee S. S. No. 6, Willoughby, { JAMES DELL.

Trustees S. S. No. 5, Willoughby, { PETER NIGH,
JOHN MORNINGSTAR.

Trustees S. S. No. 4, Willoughby, { WILLIAM F. WALLACE,
JACOB MORNINGSTAR.

Trustee S. S. No. 7, Willoughby, { THOMAS McKENZIE.

Teacher, Primary Department, { JANE A. McKENZIE,
Chippawa Public School,

PETITION—TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET—*Re* COUNTY
INSPECTOR.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, have learned, with surprise and regret, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, setting forth that James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., the County Inspector of Schools for this County, "continues to oppose the educational interests of the County ;" that his conduct "has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the County ;" that "he has made undue use of his power," and that "he has, by his natural inability, greatly impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge."

We have not known or heard of anything in Mr. Ball's conduct to warrant the charges contained in the petition referred to above, and believe them to be absolutely groundless.

We have always found Mr. Ball exhibiting the most painstaking interest in the schools with which we are connected, and we feel it, at the present time, to be a duty which we owe Mr. Ball, as well as to our County, to express to you the high esteem in which we hold Mr. Ball, in his capacity of County Inspector, so that we may do what we can to preserve to the schools of the County Mr. Ball's valuable talents, which so well fit him for the office of Inspector of Schools.

S. S. No. 7, Wainfleet, { JAMES OLIVER, Teacher.
D. DUNN, Trustee,
ROBERT GILMORE, Trustee.

No. 2, { THOMAS BROWN, Teacher,
HENRY STOUTH, Sec.-Treas.,
ALPHEUS B. MINOR, Trustee,
WM. J. CASEY, Trustee.

No. 3, { MRS. M. DURHAM, Teacher,
SAMUEL GRABELL, Sec.,
EMMA C. PRICE, Teacher.

No. 6, { J. B. HEWITT, Teacher,
JACOB STAZER, Trustee,
JOHN MAWHINNEY, Trustee.

No. 7, { ASHER GRAYBRIEL, Trustee,
DAVID E. KENNEDY, Teacher.

No. 5, { JOHN CASE, Trustee.
JOHN GILMORE, Sec.-Treas.

No. 11, { SARAH E. GLEASON, Teacher.
SAMUEL PRIESTMAN, Trustee.

No. 12, { JACOB MATER, Trustee,
ZENAS MARR, Trustee,
JOHN E. COHOE, Sec.-Treas.,
JOSEPH STEWARD, Teacher.

No. 10, { WM. ANGLE, Trustee,
JACOB SORGE, Trustee.

Union, No. 1, { WILLIAM MOORE, Trustee,
WALTER HENDERSON, Sec.,
GAVIN E. ROBERTSON, Teacher.
PETER J. MOORE, Trustee.

S. S. No. 8, { ALICE WILSON, Teacher,
ROBERT CHAMBERS, Trustee,
THOMAS ROBINSON, Trustee,
JACOB LARRAWAY, Trustee.

S. S. No. 4, { JOHN H. CROW, Teacher,
WM. BROWN, Sec. Treas.,
JOSEPH SIMPSON, Trustee,
JOSEPH DEEKS, Trustee.

PETITION, *Re* COUNTY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
TOWNSHIP OF THOROLD.

*To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council
Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, have learned, with surprise and regret, that a petition has been presented to your honorable body, setting forth that James H. Ball, M.A., the County Inspector of Schools for this County, "continues to oppose the educational interests of the County;" that his conduct "has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the County;" that "he has made undue use of his power;" and that "he has, by his natural inability, greatly impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge."

We have not known or heard of anything in Mr. Ball's conduct to warrant the charges contained in the petition referred to above, and believe them to be absolutely groundless.

We have always found Mr. Ball exhibiting the most active and painstaking interest in the schools with which we are connected, and we feel it, at the present time, to be a duty which we owe to our County, as well as to Mr. Ball, to express to you the high esteem in which we hold Mr. Ball, in his capacity as County Inspector, that we may do what we can to preserve to the schools of the County Mr. Ball's valuable talents, which so well fit him for the office of Inspector of Schools.

TOWNSHIP OF THOROLD.

Trustees No. 3, { HENRY MUSSEN,
WALTER UPPER.

M. W. BALFOUR,
Teacher.

Trustees No. 1, Union, { SIDEY UPPER,
NELSON PEW.

M. E. GARNER.
Teacher.

Trustees No. 4, { GEORGE ELLIOT,
S. D. ANDREWS,
JONATHAN BRADFELD.

HARRY GLENDINNING,
LILLY C. ROBERTSON,
Teachers.

Trustees No. 6, { THOMAS A. CLARK,
PETER H. DAMUDE.

E. A. BROWN,
Teacher.

Trustees No. 7, { WILLIAM GUNTER,
CHARLES O. CLARK.

MAGGIE MADILL,
Teacher.

Trustee No. 2, { ROBERT M. WILKERSON,

J. H. SIMPSON,
Teacher.

PETITION--CHIPPAWA SCHOOL BOARD--*RE* COUNTY
INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

CHIPPAWA, Dec. 13th, 1881.

J. C. Page, Esq., County Clerk, Welland, Ont. :

DEAR SIR,--

By order of the Public School Board of this municipality, I take pleasure in enclosing the following resolution, passed at a meeting of said Board, held Dec. 12th, 1881.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES MCKENZIE,

Sec'y Chippawa P. S. Board.

Moved by Wm. Greenwood, and seconded by A. Herbold,

That whereas certain charges were laid before the County Council, at its last session, against Mr. James H. Ball, County School Inspector, and a prayer for his dismissal ;

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And whereas those charges have been carefully considered by this Board :

Therefore be it resolved, that this Board cannot endorse any one of said charges ;

And be it further resolved, that this Board heartily recommend the retention, by the County Council, of Mr. Ball's services as County School Inspector, being perfectly satisfied with him as Inspector, and knowing him to have performed his duties faithfully and well, and to our entire satisfaction ;

And be it further resolved, that the secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the county clerk, to be by him submitted to the County Council at its adjourned session.—Carried unanimously.

JAMES MCKENZIE,

Sec'y P. S. Board.

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PETITION OF GEO. DISHER, BERTIE, *RE* INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL SECTION No. 8, BERTIE.

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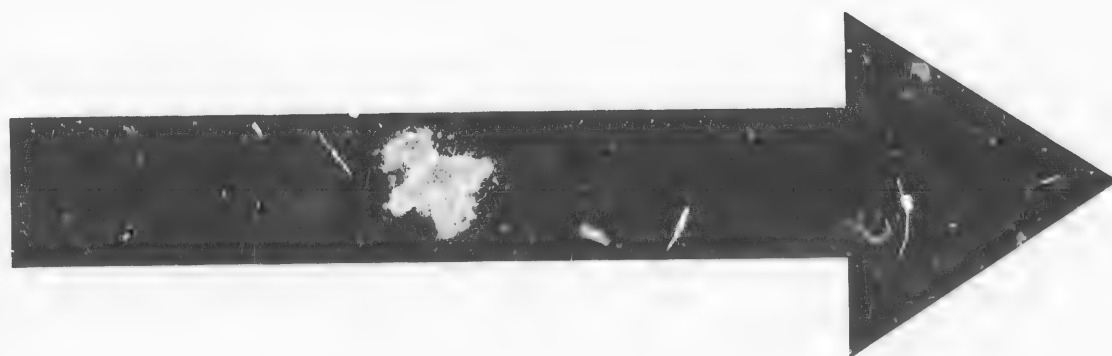
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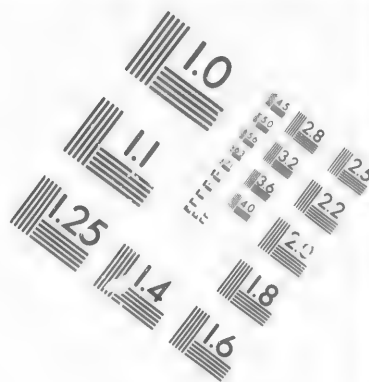
In regard to those charges brought against J. H. Ball, Esq., Inspector for Welland County, I would say that I am satisfied in every particular with Mr. Ball's conduct, as Inspector of Welland County, and I do not desire to have him removed from the office of Inspector.

GEO. DISHER,

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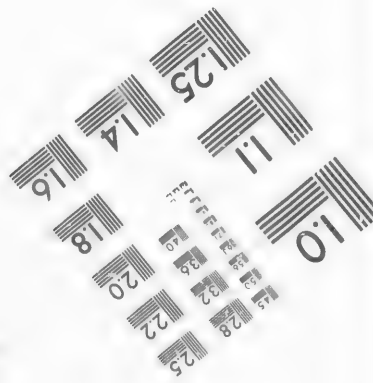
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PETITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TOWN OF
THOROLD, *RE* INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

The petition of the Board of Public School Trustees of the
Town of Thorold, humbly sheweth :—

That whereas a petition has been laid before your honorable
body, for the removal of Mr. James H. Ball from the position of
County Inspector of Public Schools, and based upon certain Gross
charges therein set forth ;

And whereas your petitioners have known Mr. Ball for many
years, most of them since his first appointment to the office of In-
spector of Public Schools, as an active, zealous, persevering,
worker in the cause of education, and faithful and efficient in the
discharge of the duties pertaining to his office ;

And whereas dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Inspector
is unknown here amongst those connected with the management of
the public schools ;

And whereas, as an exponent and administrator of the school
law, Mr. Ball has manifested a kindly disposition in assisting both
trustees and teachers, by advice, and in otherwise carrying out the
P. S. programme issued by the Department of Education, one
evidence of the progress of education in the County being the
numbers successfully passing the entrance examinations for the
high schools, many of whom have since graduated for teachers ;

And whereas, as a man of large experience as a public and
successful educator, and as being assiduous and persevering in the
capacity of Inspector, your petitioners regard him as eminently
fitted for the position he now holds ;

And whereas, your honorable body are aware, as are also your
petitioners, that no man holding a public, responsible office, and
who faithfully discharges his duties, will be able to give entire sat-
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Your petitioners, therefore, having entire confidence in Mr. Ball's ability and capacity for the position of Inspector, would very much regret his retirement therefrom, for the above considerations, and would pray that your honorable body do not grant the petition of John F. Gross.

And your petitioners, in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed by the Board of Trustees,

ROBERT DOUGAN, (Chairman.)

HUGH JAMES,

JOHN LEPPER,

ANDREW HARDIE,

JAMES MILLAR,

BENJ. McELROY,

JOHN MCGILL,

D. SHARP, (Secretary.)

Thorold, Dec. 13th, 1881.

PETITION OF SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD, THOROLD,
RE COUNTY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, at the first available moment, beg to express our surprise, that a petition has been laid before your honorable body, actually setting forth that James H. Ball, Esq., M. A., Inspector of Schools for this County, (as set forth in said

petition). "continues to oppose the educational interests of the County;" that his conduct "has raised a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the County;" that "he has made undue use of his power," and that "he has, by his natural inability, greatly impaired the usefulness of the schools under his charge."

With the amplest opportunity of knowing Mr. Ball in his private career as a gentleman, and in his public capacity as Inspector of Schools, we feel it a duty incumbent on us, in the interests of our own schools, as well as in the educational interests of the County at large, to make emphatic expression of our regret to your honorable body that such charges should be even insinuated. We believe them to be absolutely groundless.

In the schools committed to our charge, Mr. Ball has always evinced a warm interest, and we feel indebted to him for many invaluable suggestions, in method and discipline, which have manifestly tended to their advancement.

We should regard it as an irreparable loss, if, for any reason, our schools should be deprived of the supervising services of Mr. Ball, whose high efficiency and Christian character so eminently fit him for so responsible a position.

School Trustees of Separate School,
Town of Thorold.....

{ JOHH BATTLE,
JOHN CONLON,
R. CUMMARFORD,
THOMAS CONLON,
Chairman, S. S. Board.
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PETITION OF PORT COLBORNE SCHOOL TRUSTEES,
RE COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

The petition of the Board of Public School Trustees, of the Village of Port Colborne, humbly sheweth :—

That whereas a petition has been laid before your honorable body, for the removal of Mr. James H. Ball from the position of County Inspector of Public Schools, and based upon certain gross charges therein set forth ;

And whereas your petitioners have known Mr. Ball for many years, most of them since his first appointment to the office of Inspector of Public Schools, as an active, zealous, persevering worker in the cause of education, and faithful and efficient in the discharge of the duties pertaining to his office ;

And whereas dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Inspector is unknown here amongst those connected with the management of the public schools ;

And whereas, as an exponent and administrator of the school law, Mr. Ball has manifested a kindly disposition in assisting both trustees and teachers, by advice, and in otherwise carrying out the P. S. programme issued by the Department of Education, an evidence of the progress of education in the County being the numbers successfully passing the entrance examinations for the high schools, many of whom have since graduated for teachers ;

And whereas, as a man of large experience as a public and successful educator, and as being assiduous and persevering in the capacity of Inspector, your petitioners regard him as eminently fitted for the position he now holds ;

And whereas, your honorable body are aware, as are also your petitioners, that no man holding a public, responsible office, and who faithfully discharges his duties, will be able to give entire satisfaction, when those duties bring him in contact with many individuals :

Your petitioner would very much regret his retirement therefrom, for the above considerations, and they pray that your honorable body do not grant the petition of John F. Gross.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed, by the Trustees,

SAMUEL HOPKINS, (Chairman.)

ROBERT BALFOUR, (Secretary.)

THOMAS ARMSTRONG,

D. HUGHES,

Signed by the Teacher of Port Colborne,

D. W. McKAY.

PETITION FROM FORT ERIE, *RE* COUNTY INSPECTOR.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

The petition of the Board of Public School Trustees, and others, of the Village of Fort Erie, humbly sheweth :

That whereas a petition has been laid before your honorable body, asking for the removal of Mr. James H. Ball from the position of Public School Inspector for the County of Welland, based upon certain gross charges therein set forth ;

And whereas your petitioners have known Mr. Ball for several years, and firmly believe that he has the cause of education at heart, and is now, and always has been, anxious to do everything in

his power to promote the well-being of the schools under his jurisdiction ;

And whereas your petitioners are strongly opposed to the removal of any officer, except for the very best of reasons ;

And whereas your petitioners do not believe there is a single good reason for dismissing Mr. Ball ;

Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable body do not grant the petition of Mr. John F. Gross.

W. B. SEATON, (Chairman.)
) JOHN RAY,
 School Board of Fort Erie,) D. GRISDALE,
) THOMAS BROWN.

GEO. A. CLARK, Principal.

AUGUSTA McCARTY, Assistant.

ROBT. ARNOLD, A. B., T. C. D.,

And Thirteen others.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF
KENT, *RE* TAXATION OF DOGS.

CHATHAM, 12th August, 1881.

To the County Clerk, Welland :

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of resolution passed, also draft of petition adopted by the County Council of Kent, at the late June session, respecting dog tax, and request that you place the same before your Council at its next meeting.

And oblige, yours truly,

DANIEL KERR,

County Clerk, Kent.

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“ Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Wilson
“ (Harwich), That in view of the fact that a fearful amount of
“ damage and loss is annually sustained on account of sheep being

" killed by dogs, Be it therefore resolved, that this Council petition
 " the Parliament of Ontario, praying for further and more stringent
 " legislation in the mode of taxation ; and that the mover and
 " seconder, with Mr. Johnson and the Warden, be appointed to
 " draft said petition ; and that this resolution, with petition afore-
 " said, be printed, and copies sent to the several County Councils
 " in Ontario, asking their co-operation, with a view to bring about
 " the desired object.—Carried."

COMMUNICATION FROM G. L. HOBSON, *RE* DIVISION
 COURT OFFICE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
 Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN,

In the interests of the public, both for the safety of the books, papers and other documents belonging to the First Division Court of the County of Welland, as well as for the convenience of suitors, it being desirable that all public offices be centralized, I beg to apply to your honorable body for an office in the court house, and, if one be given me, would suggest the advisability of there being a safe therein, so that the books, &c., which are public property, may be safely kept, for, if the same were destroyed by fire, their loss would be irreparable, and the public greatly inconvenienced.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. L. HOBSON.

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FROM COUNTY OF ELGIN, *RE* ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE ACCOUNTS.

ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE,

ST. THOMAS, 25th Nov., 1881.

SIR,—

Below is a copy of motion passed by the Elgin County Council, on the 17th inst., respecting the deductions made by the Government in accounts of the administration of justice, which I will thank you to submit to your County Council for their co-operation.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM MCKAY,

County Clerk,

County of Elgin.

Moved by John Haggan, seconded by J. B. Mills,

That, whereas a great deal of dissatisfaction has arisen in the manner in which the county accounts have been dealt with in the readjusting which they have to undergo in the Provincial Treasurer's office, Toronto, thereby causing a serious loss to the County, likewise going contrary to the Orders-in-Council furnished by the Government to the local and county auditors :

This Council feel, that in order to remedy this matter, that a representation be made to the Government to investigate the matter, so that justice to the County may be obtained ;

And, as this is a subject of general complaint, that a copy of this resolution be laid before the several County Councils of the Province, soliciting their co-operation.—Carried.

FROM COUNTY OF ELGIN, RESELECTION OF JURORS.

ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE,

ST. THOMAS, 25th Nov., 1881.

SIR, —

I herewith furnish you with copy of resolution passed, by the Elgin County Council, on the 17th inst., respecting selectors of jurors, which I will thank you to submit to your Council, for their co-operation in the matter.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM MCKAY,

County Clerk,

County of Elgin.

Moved by John King, seconded by George Suffel,

That this Council petition the Local Legislature, at its next session, to make such a change in the jury law that it will not be necessary to make a second selection of jurors, but have the whole work done by the local municipal officers, thereby saving a great expense to the County; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to other County Councils in Ontario, asking their aid and assistance in securing this much needed reform.—Carried.

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FROM GEORGE J. DUNCAN, SHERIFF.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled:*

GENTLEMEN,

In my communication to you, offering to continue the jury services at the same rate as that paid to the late Sheriff, I made the offer in good faith, supposing that it was a fair pay for services rendered, and was surprised to hear the late Deputy appeared before you, and stated that, owing to a recent change in holding four courts instead of six, thereby making the services one-third less, and, of course, the pay for such should, on that account, be decreased. I have no fault to find with his making such a statement, but it is a little singular that it was not made sooner, as, on reference to the Statutes of Ontario, you will find that the alteration in the courts, from six to four, was assented to on 1st December, 1868, and to go into force on the 1st February, 1869, so you can see that the alterations were made just thirteen years ago. In ignorance of these facts, I made you the offer, and which, under the circumstances, I now beg to withdraw, and will accept the regular fees allowed by statute.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. J. DUNCAN,

Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Welland,

20th Dec., 1881.

FROM D. D'EVERARDO, *RE* REGISTRY OFFICE.

WELLAND, 7th Dec., 1881.

SIR,-

The County Council having already incurred considerable expense, in the erection of a very handsome fence around the new registry office site, and greatly improved the grounds, and having also very generously provided for the internal arrangements of the office, I feel much reluctance in asking for anything farther.

There is one little matter, however, which, if carried into effect, would contribute greatly to the health and comfort of the occupants of the building.

The west room is always damp and cold in cold weather. No person can sit down in the public room, where Mr. Page has his desk, for so much as one minute, with the door of that room open. That door has to be kept closed all the time, summer and winter. Besides, it is very hard on all, however strong, to go, bare-headed, out of either of the warm rooms into that cold, damp room, for papers or other business of the office.

With my slender vitality, I cannot safely go into that room at all without my hat on, nor can I remain there for five minutes even then without experiencing bad effects.

Moreover, there is no place in the building now where the Registrar, whoever he may be, can sit down by himself to do his correspondence, or look carefully into any matter requiring more than usual care, without being liable to interruption. Nor can anyone, who might wish to do so, speak privately with him. It often happens that persons have some matter they would like to speak to the Registrar about, not in the hearing of the clerks or of the general public.

Now, all this can be remedied by cutting a stovepipe hole into the chimney on the west side, and giving us a stove and matting for the floor, similar to that in the east room. The registry office then will be comfortable, healthy and convenient for the occupants, and, at the same time, perfectly secure against fire. In short, it will be one of the very best registry offices in Ontario. I men-

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tioned the matter to the Inspector. He said that he had no jurisdiction in that particular, but advised me to have the stove put in of my own accord. I prefer, however, submitting the question to the County Council, and shall feel under the deepest obligations if they will grant this the only request I have ever made to the Council in this connection.

I am, &c.,

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JAMES SMITH, Esq.,
Warden, Co. Welland.

FROM E. MARTIN, *RE* ARBITRATION FEES.

HAMILTON, 7th Dec., 1881.

DEAR SIR,

I have yours of the 6th inst., with \$250 in full of my fees *re* arbitration.

Please say to the Warden that the settlement is quite satisfactory.

Whenever you are disposed to sell your Marsh Lands mortgages, please let me know.

Yours truly,

EDWARD MARTIN,

(Martin & Elliot.)

J. G. PAGE, Esq.,
County Clerk,
Welland, Ont.

COPY OF RESOLUTION BY MARSH LANDS COMMITTEE. *RE* LAND TAKEN FOR WELLAND CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Whereas George Shure and Martin Neff, of Humberstone, received from Government \$60 per acre for lands taken for canal enlargement :

And whereas the Government has likewise taken certain portions of land for canal purposes, being the lands belonging to the County of Welland, viz., parts of lots 27 and 28, con. 4, Humberstone :

And whereas the Marsh Lands Committee has this day made a personal inspection of the locality, and, having obtained all the information they could in connection therewith, the committee are of opinion that the lands taken from the County of Welland for canal purposes is equal, if not greater value, than the lands of Shure and Neff :

Be it therefore resolved, that the chairman of Marsh Lands Committee be instructed to notify the Government Valuers that \$60 per acre is the smallest sum the committee will accept in settlement for lands taken for canal purposes.—Carried.

Dated, at the Air Line Junction,

28th October, 1881.

FROM VALUATORS OF WELLAND CANAL LANDS.

ST. CATHARINES, 9th Nov., 1881.

DEAR SIR, -

Re WELLAND MARSH LANDS,
WELLAND CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 31st Oct., enclosing copy of resolution of Marsh Lands Committee, regarding the sale of County Marsh Lands to the Government for the enlargement of the Welland Canal. In order to close up this long-standing matter, (since 1874), we have decided to accept the offer, and enclose herein agreement in duplicate for you to sign, as chairman of the committee. Please return the agreement, signed and witnessed, and we will lose no time in reporting same to Government.

We are,

Your obedient servants,

J. HAM PERRY,	} Land Valutors, Welland Canal.
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E. LEE, Esq.,

Chairman, Marsh Lands Committee,

County Welland, Marshville.

P. S.—Mr. Gibson, the surveyor, makes the true quantity to be 20.43. Please post the agreement to Mr. Perry, Whitby, Ont.

FROM W. R. OSWALD, *RE* GRANT TO MOSIER.

MONTREAL, July 11th, 1881.

James Smith, Esq., Warden, Welland :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of \$50 cheque, with letter instructing me to pay this amount to Bomb. Mosier, W. F. B., in such sums as he may require for expenses in connection with the teams of Canadian artillery going to England this week, with thanks.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. OSWALD,

Lieut.-Col. Canadian Team.

FROM F. SWAYZE, Esq., *RE* MODEL SCHOOL.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN, -

Whereas sec. 17, chap. 16, of the Statutes of Ontario for 1877, provides that the County Council of each County shall provide and levy in each year the sum of one hundred dollars at least towards each public school, which may become a County Model School :

Therefore we humbly request that your honorable body will make such provision, and will be happy to receive such additional sum as you may deem fit to grant for the year 1881.

F. SWAYZE,

Chairman, Public School Board.

Welland, Dec. 19th, 1881.

FROM COUNTY OF ELGIN, *RE* PROVINCIAL EXHIBITIONS.

ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE,

ST. THOMAS, 25th Nov., 1881.

SIR,

Below is a copy of resolution passed by the Elgin County Council, respecting the Provincial Exhibition. Please submit the matter to your Council, and oblige,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM MCKAY,

County Clerk, County of Elgin.

Moved by John King, seconded by James Hepburn,

That whereas the annual Provincial Exhibition of the Ontario Arts and Agricultural Association has been superseded in its sphere of usefulness by the large local exhibitions at Toronto, Hamilton, Walkerton, Guelph, Brantford, London, Chatham, and last, but not least, by the Southern Counties Fair, at St. Thomas:

Be it resolved, that this Council, while acknowledging the great service derived by the Province from the Provincial Exhibition in past years, and fully realizing the fact that its days of usefulness have gone by, do petition the Ontario Government to withhold the annual grant to the Provincial Exhibition, and to distribute the amount, in an equitable manner, to the county agricultural societies :

And also that a copy of this resolution be sent to the several County Councils in Ontario, requesting them to take similar action in the matter. --Carried.

FROM MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS, *RE*
MONTROSE BRIDGE.

OTTAWA, July 19th, 1881.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 29th June ult., enclosing extract from resolutions passed by County Council of Welland, *re* maintenance and repairs of Montrose bridge.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY,
Acting Secretary.

J. C. PAGE.

County Clerk,
Welland.

FROM MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS, *RE*
MONTROSE BRIDGE.

OTTAWA, August 3rd, 1881.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of 29th of June last, covering a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland, with a view to urging upon the Government the assumption and maintenance over the Welland Canal known

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Acting Secretary.

The County Clerk,

Welland.

FROM R. HARCOURT, *RE* PURCHASE OF PART OF
MARSH LANDS TRACT BY THOMAS WILLSON.

WELLAND, Dec. 6th, 1881.

To the Warden of the County of Welland :

DEAR SIR,

Some months ago Mr. Thomas Willson, of Wainfleet, offered to purchase from the corporation over which you preside, portions of the Marsh Lands tract.

He now authorizes me to repeat his offer. He will give you, and pay all cash, if you require it, \$2.50 per acre for 3000 acres of the tract, being the westerly 3000 acres ; or he will give you \$3 per acre for the westerly 1000 acres, terms being all cash, if desired.

Mr. Willson is a resident of Wainfleet, and does not make this offer with a view of holding the land for purposes of speculation.

He means, if you decide to sell to him, at once to commence a system of systematic drainage, and to prosecute the work vigorously until he reclaims the tract. He will endeavor to induce settlers to locate on portions of it, and to assist them in permanent improvements.

Mr. Willson is owner of a good property in Wainfleet, in which township he has spent nearly all his life. He is in every way interested in the improvement of this tract, and in the welfare of the township generally.

I presume that the question of binding a purchaser as to drainage will at once be raised by the members of your Council. It is plain that Mr. Willson can expect to profit by his proposed offer only in proportion as he improves the property. If he fails to commence a thorough system of drainage, then he must certainly be the chief sufferer, and each year his loss will be heavier.

Will you kindly let me know at what hour to-morrow the Marsh Lands Committee will hear Mr. Willson and myself, in reference to the offer we now make.

As a preliminary to our interview with the committee, will you have a draft agreement as to the drainage requirements your Council would deem just to impose upon any purchaser.

I may further add that, if those requirements be not too onerous, it is more than likely that Mr. Willson will see his way to make an offer for the whole Marsh Lands tract.

Yours respectfully,

R. HARCOURT.

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[SECOND OFFER.]

WELLAND, Dec. 9th, 1881.

Deeming it probable that the Council may object to sell part of the Marsh Lands Tract, I now wish to modify my offer, in behalf of Thomas Willson, as follows :—

Mr. Willson will purchase the whole tract, and will pay therefor at the rate of \$2.50 per acre, paying one-fourth cash and the balance in fifteen years, the mortgage back to the County to bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and to contain a clause allowing the mortgagor to make, at any time, a payment of \$500, or upwards, towards reduction of principal.

RICHARD HARCOURT.

The Chairman Marsh Lands Committee,
County of Welland.

[THIRD OFFER.]

Insert in mortgage :—

“ And the said Thomas Willson hereby covenants, that he will
“ commence, during the year 1882, and prosecute continuously
“ thereafter, the drainage of the land hereby mortgaged.”

[FOURTH OFFER.]

And will bind himself to deepen the Brown tap by one foot throughout its length, within two years from date thereof.

Substitute ten years for fifteen years, as to time of payment.

FROM A. WILLIAMS, *RE* MARSH LANDS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit, for your consideration, my former offer for purchase of Marsh Lands at \$2, cash, per acre. I make this offer subject to approval of Mr. Scarth, as, owing to his absence in Manitoba, I have been unable to communicate with him recently.

This offer is less per acre than one you have received, but I contend it is more advantageous to the County, and for the following reasons :

The company is a wealthy corporation, and amply able to carry out any obligations it may enter into.

The purchase money being paid in cash, the County is forever rid of the troublesome Marsh Lands question, and does not run the risk of having to resume possession of lands after expenses of sale or foreclosure, which may happen, should the lands not turn out as valuable as expected, if sold to party paying small sum down.

The proposed purchasers will, if necessary, give satisfactory assurance of their intention to adopt an immediate and thorough system of drainage of the whole lands, thus rendering the entire tract fit for cultivation within a short period.

They buy solely with the intention of thoroughly draining the lands, and selling to and placing thereon at once a good class of farmers, thus adding to the wealth and material prosperity of our County.

They have an agency in Scotland, through which they are enabled to have sent out good farmers, to whom they can sell the lands on terms suited to their financial circumstances. This, I believe, the company, in event of purchase, intend to do.

In short, if this offer is accepted and sale completed, I have no hesitation in saying that the great Marsh, now not only useless and unprofitable, but an everlasting source of expense, and a breeder of

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No private person, who may purchase the land, has the means or facilities as the company aforesaid for accomplishing all these improvements, and bringing about these desirable results. As a ratepayer of this County, I respectfully submit, it would be for better interests of the County to make a free gift of the lands to a person who will give a good, satisfactory guarantee that the same will be immediately and thoroughly drained and brought under cultivation, than to sell same at \$2.50 per acre to a person who does not give such guarantee, and who may allow the lands to remain in their present state, and trust to reimburse himself by occasional sales of portions of same, or may, at most, continue the system of imperfect drainage pursued by the County. It is of vital importance that the Marsh Lands Tract should at once cease to be a disgraceful blot on the face of this fair County of ours.

Your obedient servant,

A. WILLIAMS.

I beg to amend my offer for purchase of Marsh Lands, by substituting \$2.25 for the \$2 therein mentioned, and would suggest that, as to drainage, it should be left to two engineers, one to be chosen by vendors and one by vendees, with power for said engineers to choose a third one, in case of disagreement.

A. WILLIAMS.

FROM R. HARCOURT, *RE* MARSH LANDS MORTGAGES.

To the Warden of the County of Welland

I understand that the withdrawal of Niagara Falls renders it advisable for you to dispose of your Marsh Lands mortgages. I will give you the present worth of those mortgages, less a discount of ten per cent.

I except from the mortgages those you hold against Catharine Shaughnessy, James Shaughnessy and Michael Smith, which are for small amounts, and as to which, I am informed, the County is under some moral obligations, either to abate or abandon its claim.

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD HARCOURT.

Welland, Dec. 21st, 1881.

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To the Warden of the County of Welland

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CERTIFICATE OF J. C. McFARLAND, *RE* CHARLOTTE DABOLL, INSANE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

GENTLEMEN, —

I have examined Charlotte Daboll, a destitute person, and find her to be imbecile and very aged. I have heard that she is at times insane, and would suppose, from what I have seen, that such is the case.

JOHN C. McFARLAND,

Physician and Surgeon.

Port Robinson, Dec. 3rd, 1881.

INSANE DESTITUTE LIST, REVISED DECEMBER SESSION, 1881.

CHAPTER 26, ONTARIO STATUTES, 1880.
LIST OF INSANE DESTITUTE, REVISED DECEMBER SESSION, 1881, UNDER BY-LAW 425.

<i>Name of Municipality.</i>	<i>Name of Insane Destitute.</i>	<i>Weekly Allowance.</i>	<i>Total Due.</i>	<i>Names of Receivers Receiving Payment.</i>
Township of Crowland.....	Mary Forsyth.....	\$2 00	\$ 52 00	Edwin Morris.
Town of Niagara Falls.....	Martin Ferguson.....	2 00	52 00	John Coulson.
Township of Humberstone.....	Jacob Neff.....	2 00		
do	Elizabeth Waters.....	2 00		
do	John Harper.....	1 00		
do	James Boyie.....	1 00	156 00	Elisha Furry.
Township of Pelham.....	John Clark.....	2 00		
do	Israel Tice.....	2 00		
do	David Smith.....	1 25		
do	Simon Beckett.....	2 00		
do	Mary Clark.....	2 00	240 50	Joseph Garner.
Village of Port Colborne.....	Mrs. Chambers.....	1 50		
do	Mrs. Haney.....	2 00		
do	Ellen Clifford.....	2 00	143 00	W. B. Pringle.
Township of Stamford.....	Barbara Sour.....	1 00	20 00	Anson Garner.
Thorold Town.....	Hugh McGuire.....	2 00		
do	John Ford.....	2 00		
do	James Caffery.....	1 50	143 00	Robert J. Johnston.
Township of Wainfleet.....	William Smith.....	1 50		
do	Lucinda Upper.....	2 00		
do	David Sider.....	2 50		
do	Caroline Taggart.....	1 75	240 50	Edward Lee.
do	Luey Rogers.....	1 50	45 50	Stephen Beatty.
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JAMES SMITH, *Warden.*

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J. C. PAGE, *County Clerk.*

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CERTIFICATE OF WM. M. COMFORT, *RE* MARY CLARK,
INSANE.

RIDGEVILLE, 3rd Dec., 1881.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in
Council Assembled :*

I am very well acquainted with Mrs. Mary Clark, of the Township of Pelham, and, from what I know of her condition, I consider her to be insane, and she is without any means of support.

WM. M. COMFORT, M. D.

DECLARATION OF M. W. BRIDGMAN, *RE* GROSS *VS.*
BALL.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, } I, Marcus W. Bridgman, of the Town
COUNTY OF WELLAND, } of Welland, in the County of Welland,
TO WIT : } school teacher, do solemnly declare :—

1. That James H. Ball, Esq., Public School Inspector for the County of Welland, has publicly stated before the County Council of the County of Welland, in council assembled, that a private agreement was made between the said James H. Ball and myself, at a committee meeting of the Teachers' Association for said County, held at the Town of Thorold, in said County, whereby he,

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the said Ball, was to pay \$50 of the Association funds to me at the next regular meeting of the said Association, to be held at Port Colborne.

2. I further say that no such agreement or understanding, and no conversation from which any such agreement could be inferred, ever took place or was had between me and said James H. Ball, and that his statement in respect thereof is untrue.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths.

M. W. BRIDGMAN.

Declared, before me, at Welland,
in the County of Welland, this 21st
December, A. D. 1881.

THOS. D. COWPER,
A Commissioner, &c.